

WEEKLY HORIZON

June 22-26, 2026

This Week's Driving Events

- **The Dog Days of Congress' Summer:** With just over a month remaining before the August recess begins, Congress has at least one “must-pass” bill and one “want-to-pass” bill slated for its July legislative session. All remaining lawmaking will likely be pushed into the lame duck period, or, more likely, beyond. [Read more here.](#)
- **Powering Up:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission just took significant steps to ensure AI data centers can connect to the grid quickly. [Read more here.](#)
- **Don't Hold Your Breath for FY27 Spending:** Senate appropriators have arrived at a stalemate in negotiations over topline for FY27. [Read more here.](#)

CONGRESS' SUMMER LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: When Congress returns to session this evening, lawmakers are poised to secure at least one long-awaited legislative victory. **The Senate is expected to pass the bipartisan 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act this evening, and Politico reports that the House will likely take it up under fast-tracked procedures on Wednesday or Thursday.** President Trump is expected to sign the bill shortly thereafter, giving lawmakers in both parties an affordability-focused accomplishment to tout on the campaign trail later this year. **But even as lawmakers celebrate passage of the first major housing bill in years, they are still staring down a never-ending effort to close out the last remaining non-spending “must-pass” bill of the year.**

Earlier this month, Congress allowed Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to [lapse](#) for the first time in the program's history. A bipartisan [deal](#) that would have reauthorized the program for three years failed on the Senate floor after Democrats [withdrew](#) their support for the bill for as long as Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Bill Pulte remains the acting director of national intelligence (DNI). A Senate GOP leadership plan to resolve the standoff by rapidly confirming President Trump's full-time DNI replacement, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Jay Clayton, was derailed last week by Trump himself, who called off the confirmation process to allow Pulte time in the

role.

At this point, the path forward for FISA will be determined by the White House, which needs to address Democrats' concerns with Pulte to unlock the three-year reauthorization. **While FISA itself isn't material to investors, failure to address the issue before mid-July could force the Senate to use valuable floor time on the DNI confirmation and FISA reauthorization, time otherwise slated for the crypto market structure legislation and other confirmations.**

Speaking of the crypto market structure bill, negotiations among senators are expected to pick up this week. **Punchbowl News [reports](#) that "Bipartisan crypto negotiators are readying an 11th-hour sprint of meetings [this] week in an attempt to finalize key details of a landmark crypto market structure bill."** The effort comes on the heels of a bipartisan meeting among negotiators last Thursday that focused on the Senate Agriculture Committee's portion of the bill, which needs to be overhauled for the overall package to gain the Democratic support it needs. **Crypto in America [reports](#) that acting Attorney General Todd Blanche was also slated to meet with law enforcement groups last week, part of a concerted effort by the White House to address illicit finance concerns.** Negotiators need support from law enforcement groups to secure the backing of Senators Mark Warner (D-VA) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) for the larger bill.

The hope among Senate crypto negotiators is that the market structure bill can reach the Senate floor after the July 4th recess, but before the House leaves for its August recess on July 23rd. Whether that's possible depends on whether the illicit finance and Agriculture Committee issues can be closed out, as well as the effort to add officeholder ethics language to the bill. The latter ran into [issues](#) earlier this month when Democrats balked at revised ethics language presented by the White House and GOP senators. **Banks also haven't given up on [revising](#) the stablecoin yield provision of the bill, and that fight is expected to go all the way to the Senate floor.**

As we outlined in a [Spotlight Report](#) this spring, we believe that at least the Senate needs to pass the bill before its August recess for it to become law this year. While hypothetically negotiations could continue into the fall, incentives change around the midterms, and the odds that the bill will become law at all, not just this year, will diminish significantly if the Senate misses its August deadline.

While crypto will be the focus next month, it's worth noting that the Senate plans to try to confirm Blanche to the full-time role by the first week of August. The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold Blanche's nomination [hearing](#) on July 15th. If that goes well, a committee vote could occur a week later, followed quickly by a Senate floor vote. **Politico [reports](#) that the Senate Agriculture Committee is also planning to release the text of its version of the farm bill this month, with a potential committee markup before August, although we**

don't expect a floor vote this summer. It's also possible that the Senate will consider its version of the National Defense Authorization Act if floor time is available, while the House is looking to consider its own version on the floor before July 4th.

FERC GETS AI DATA CENTERS ONLINE: [Hundreds of billions](#) of dollars of investment are flooding into AI in the US, much of it on the nearly [3,000](#) new data centers that are proposed. **But all the money in the world can't get a chatbot or LLM to function without electricity**, as many tech firms are now discovering. Even more than chips, energy could prove to be the main bottleneck for AI [growth](#). Even though capex continues to expand at a monstrous rate, actual data center buildouts *slowed* late last year. The cause? "Power and electrical equipment are still the main driver of construction [delays](#)." **Ultimately, up to half of the large centers scheduled to come online this year, both in the [US](#) and [globally](#), could be delayed, in part due to energy constraints.**

Last week, the national grid regulator took steps to expedite the connection of data centers to the [grid](#). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) voted unanimously to issue six 'show cause' orders, one to each of the major interstate electrical grids, demanding that they change how they handle data centers and other large electricity load customers. **Reforms spanned the gamut. The most commonly discussed solution to the data center energy problem, and the industry's ideal one overall, is co-location:** when a tech firm builds a private power plant on the site of its data center and feeds the power directly into the center. Besides providing consistency and reliability, it also solves another developing issue: in many parts of the country, there's just not the excess power capacity for a giant data center (or it'd be prohibitively expensive); in such cases, the fastest (or only) way to get them online may be to do it yourself. **While co-location has generally not been allowed, FERC's orders demand that grids write rules to permit them, and fast.**

Much attention was given to the process of how large loads connect to the grid, which tech companies have specifically flagged as one of the largest causes of delay. Far from just plugging a cord into an outlet, the grid interconnection of data centers (some of which use as much power as entire cities) requires studies to determine any necessary grid upgrades or reliability threats. The current system can take years. **FERC just ordered grids to make it happen within 60-90 days.** In addition to moving quickly, **the commission wants an escalating series of commitments from prospective customers to weed out duplicative or speculative study requests.** At the moment, data centers are incentivized to submit a single project in several places around the country, shopping around for suggested timelines or the best deal. The consequence of these "phantom" data centers is that they make it difficult for anyone to know which energy demand is fake and which is real. If too many wires or power plants get built in a particular location, that means potential billions of dollars in stranded investments; if not enough get

built, power blackouts and other reliability issues are possible.

Consumer protection against cost-shifting and large load free-loading was also a focus. While transmission upgrades have historically been split among all utility users, massive capital investments required to serve individual customers have pushed that principle to its breaking point. **The burden is now on grids to prove they're properly insulating other ratepayers from large loads such as data centers. That means data transparency on how many centers are prompting network upgrades, as well as a cost-recovery mechanism if projects pull out early,** such as minimum charges regardless of use and credit support requirements.

So far, the **reaction to FERC's actions has been broadly positive, not only for their content but also for how they went about it.** These orders are technically in response to an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking from the Department of Energy. Continuing down this procedural route in quest of an eventual Final Rule would take a few years at the *very earliest*. **The agency's choice to issue orders rather than engage in a formal rulemaking significantly speeds up the process of determining how things get added to the grid. FERC is asking for responses to the draft order within just 60 days.** Devolving the specifics of the policies to the state level also both avoids the inflexibility of a one-size-fits-all approach and better insulates the effort from litigation alleging that the commission has overstepped its authority. **Now the ball is in the regional grids' court to sort out details amid furious lobbying from stakeholders on all sides.** We will publish a Spotlight Report with a more in-depth analysis of FERC's orders and their implications for the buildout of data centers tomorrow afternoon.

FY27 SPENDING STALEMATE: The House, which operates on a majoritarian basis, generally takes a more partisan approach to appropriations, while the Senate usually works out a more bipartisan deal. Even as Congress has grown more polarized, appropriations have often remained one of the more collegial parts of the institution because Republicans and Democrats alike benefit from bringing federal dollars home. **This year, however, Senate appropriators have arrived at a stalemate in negotiations over topline for FY27, a sign that a spending deal may be a long way off.**

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee, told Politico last week that she hadn't heard back after sharing her latest topline offer and that "Democrats cannot and will not accept Senate Republicans' lopsided topline offers." Senate leadership has devolved into sniping over the status of FY27 appropriations. Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) told reporters that "it's pretty clear the Democrats don't want to play ball on a normal appropriations process" and that Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) was "getting zero cooperation" from the other side. For his part, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) told reporters that "first and

foremost, we need Susan Collins to sit down in good faith with Patty Murray and come up with the topline.” Collins told Politico that Schumer “must be misinformed” and that she had made “good-faith offers” since last month.

The political realities of the 2026 midterms create a roadblock to a smooth FY27 spending deal. Collins faces a highly competitive reelection race against Democratic nominee Graham Platner. **The Senate race in Maine is a must-win contest for Democrats in the fight for Senate control and the party may be less willing to cut a deal with Collins and give her a win before Election Day.** In remarks to reporters last week, Thune also raised the specter of another government shutdown, which would be the third full or partial shutdown since President Trump returned to office last year. **Nevertheless, we view a shutdown as unlikely.** While the Democratic base may demand that congressional Democratic leadership fight back against Trump and Republicans, it would be politically risky to do so just weeks before the midterms, especially without a clear reason (such as last year’s fight over the enhanced Affordable Care Act premium subsidies). Reflexively opposing Trump could be counterproductive for Democrats. Instead, our base case is that lawmakers will pass a continuing resolution (CR) by the September 30th government funding deadline.

If appropriators haven’t agreed on FY27 toplines before the midterms, it will be harder for them to wrap up FY27 spending bills before the end of this calendar year. The lame duck session comprises just a few weeks and the period before the conclusion of the 119th Congress is likely to be a busy one. The clock may run out on FY27 spending, which could spill over into the new Congress. After that point, it may take longer, given the likely change in party control of at least one chamber. This could tee up a spending standoff in the winter. Notably, after Democrats flipped control of the House in the 2018 midterms during Trump’s first term, a clash over spending and a partial government shutdown ensued. **If Collins loses reelection, then a new top Republican would take her slot on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which could reset the debate.** Of the Republicans on the panel, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) is third in seniority, behind Collins and Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), who is retiring. Murkowski told Punchbowl News earlier this year that she wanted to replace McConnell as the top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Defense. If the top spot opened up, she could set her sights higher. A moderate like Collins, Murkowski may be an effective dealmaker. **Ultimately, we expect that lawmakers will pass approximately \$1.15 trillion for defense and some degree of an increase for nondefense spending over FY26.** Two Democrats joined with Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee to defeat a proposal to trim the National Defense Authorization Act topline below \$1.15 trillion, indicating that there’s some Democratic support for this figure. But for Democrats to agree to a deal, the price will likely be a somewhat commensurate increase to nondefense spending as well.

Regardless of what Congress passes, there is a risk of the Trump administration cutting funding below appropriated levels. During a Senate

Budget Committee hearing last week, Hal Duncan, Trump's nominee to serve in the number-two position at the Office of Management and Budget, wouldn't rule out future pocket rescissions. "Pocket rescissions have been executed by previous administrations, notably the Ford administration," Duncan said. "I can't commit to any of the fiscal tools the administration may or may not use in the future." Pocket rescissions work by making a rescissions request to Congress within 45 days of the end of the fiscal year, so the funds expire before the 45-day rescission review period ends. The Trump administration deployed this move last year to cancel \$4.9 billion in foreign aid without congressional action. **The possible window for pocket rescissions will open in late summer.**

House

Today, the House is not in session.

On Tuesday, the House will reconvene at 2:00 p.m. and is expected to consider noncontroversial measures under expedited procedures. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the House will reconvene at 12:00 p.m. and is expected to resume consideration of noncontroversial measures under expedited procedures and consider a bill that would prohibit payment card networks from using a retail category code specific to firearms retail stores.

On Thursday, the House will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to consider the FY27 National Security, State Department and Related Programs Appropriations Act and the FY27 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

On Friday, the House will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to consider a bill that would expand access to veterans' health benefits.

Senate

Today, the Senate will reconvene at 3:00 p.m. and is expected to resume consideration of the House-amended 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. The chamber will hold a final vote on the bill at 5:30 p.m.

White House

Today, President Trump will participate in executive time at 8:00 a.m. At 3:30 p.m., the president will sign executive orders. At 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., Trump will participate in policy meetings.

Macroeconomic

Today at 9:00 a.m., the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will begin their Conference on the International Roles of the US Dollar. [More information here](#). Expected participants today include:

- Christopher Waller, governor, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

On Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled "The Affordability Agenda." [More information here](#).

On Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., the Senate Finance Committee Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy will hold a hearing titled "The Future of Social Security." [More information here](#).

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing titled "From Startup to Scale: The Role of the SBA Office of Investment and Innovation in Powering America's Small Businesses." [More information here](#).

Agriculture

On Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., the Center for Strategic and International Studies will hold a conference titled "Three Nations, One Table: North American Agriculture under USMCA." [More information here](#).

On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing titled "To Review the Implementation of Farm Safety Net, Disaster, and Conservation Programs." [More information here](#).

Budget

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a markup of the FY27 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, the FY27 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, the FY27 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and the FY27 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act. [More information here](#).

Defense

From Tuesday through Wednesday, the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement will hold its 2026 Next Generation UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)

conference titled "Advancing Drone Dominance Efforts Across the US Military." [More information here](#). Expected participants include:

- Maj. Gen. AnnMarie Anthony, director of the Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations Center, US Strategic Command

On Tuesday at 7:15 a.m., the Association of the United States Army will hold a discussion with Gen. Ronald Clark, commanding general of the US Army Pacific. [More information here](#).

On Tuesday at 4:15 p.m., the Senate Armed Services Committee Subcommittee on Airland will hold a hearing titled "To Receive an Update on the F-35 Aircraft Program." [More information here](#).

On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the Cato Institute will hold a conference titled "Nuclear Proliferation in US Grand Strategy." [More information here](#).

On Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., the House Appropriations Committee will hold a markup of the FY2027 Defense bill. [More information here](#).

On Thursday at 8:00 a.m., the Association of the United States Army will hold a seminar titled "Army Acquisition and Contracting: Accelerating Solutions for Today's Fight." [More information here](#).

- Maj. Gen. Douglas Lowrey, commanding general, Army Contracting Command

On Thursday at 9:30 a.m., the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on several pending nominations, including Jules Hurst III to be Defense undersecretary (comptroller), Richard O'Malley to be deputy Defense undersecretary for acquisition and sustainment, and Roger Mason to be director of the National Reconnaissance Office. [More information here](#).

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Homeland Security will hold a hearing titled "Oversight Hearing - Department of Homeland Security." [More information here](#). Expected participants include:

- Markwayne Mullin, secretary, Department of Homeland Security
- Troy Edgar, deputy secretary, Department of Homeland Security

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources

Today at 8:30 a.m., the American Water Works Association will begin its Annual Conference and Exposition. [More information here](#).

On Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., Primary Vision will hold a virtual discussion titled "Changing

Faces: The Global Oilfield Is Being Rewritten." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the Environmental and Energy Study Institute will hold its 2026 Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO and Policy Forum. [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)
- Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)
- Senator Michael Crapo (R-ID)
- Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KA)
- Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-IL)
- Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA)
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II (D-MO)
- Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)

On Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., the House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Environment will hold a legislative hearing titled "Trash to Treasure: Examining Legislation to Support Domestic Critical Mineral Recovery and Recycling." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Natural Resources Committee Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold a hearing titled "Beneath the Surface: Earth MRI (Earth Mapping Resources Initiative) and America's Resource Potential." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 2:00 p.m., Resources for the Future will hold its virtual 2026 Critical Minerals Research Lab Conference. [More information here.](#)

Financial Services

On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing titled "Future of Payments: Promoting Innovation and Fair Markets." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Financial Services Committee Subcommittee on Capital Markets will hold a hearing titled "From Wall Street to Main Street: The Future of How America Invests." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 5:00 p.m., the Heritage Foundation will hold a discussion titled "Back to Business: Refocusing Corporations on ROI (Return on Investment)." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 9:00 a.m., the Progressive Policy Institute will hold a discussion titled "Debit Card Price Caps Don't Deliver. Why Credit Card Caps Won't Either." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on several pending nominations, including Christopher Phelan to serve as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. [More information here.](#)

Geopolitical

Today at 10:00 a.m., the Washington Institute for Near East Policy will hold a virtual discussion titled "Middle East in Crisis, NATO Disarray: The Stakes for the Ankara Summit." [More information here.](#)

On Tuesday at 12:00 p.m., the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft and the Foundation for Middle East Peace will hold a virtual discussion titled "Breakup: Will the Iran War Accelerate US Efforts to Craft an Independent Foreign Policy?" [More information here.](#)

On Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., the Asia Society Policy Institute will hold a discussion titled "Seoul Searching: Korea's Rising Role in America's Future." [More information here.](#)

On Tuesday at 12:00 p.m., Foreign Policy will hold a virtual discussion titled "Deciphering the US-Iran Deal." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., the Middle East Institute will hold a virtual discussion titled "Assessing the Latest Iran Deal and What It Means for US Interests." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., the Atlantic Council will hold a discussion titled "The EU's Tech Sovereignty Agenda and US-EU Cooperation." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., the Jerusalem Fund will hold a discussion titled "Lebanon, Israel and the Question of Palestine." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Foreign Affairs Committee Subcommittee on East Asia and Pacific will hold a hearing titled "Implementing an America First Approach in the East Asia and Pacific Region." [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Michael G. DeSombre, assistant secretary for East Asian and Pacific affairs, Department of State

On Thursday at 10:30 a.m., the House Select Committee on China will hold a hearing titled "China's Economic Espionage and Subnational Influence in the United States." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 1:30 p.m., the Hudson Institute will hold a discussion titled "Navigating Competition in the Central Arctic Ocean." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 2:00 p.m., the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs will hold a hearing titled "Roundtable - Two

Sides of a Digital Coin: Protecting US Security by Challenging the Power of Repressive Foreign Regimes." [More information here.](#)

Healthcare

On Tuesday at 12:00 p.m., the Cato Institute will hold a briefing titled "Fixing Medicaid's Financing Structure to Reduce Waste, Fraud, and Overspending." [More information here.](#)

On Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., Axios will hold a discussion titled "Advancing Early Disease Care." [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

On Wednesday at 8:00 a.m., Axios will hold a discussion titled "Health Care's Emerging Battleground." [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)
- Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA)

On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., the Congressional Joint Economic Committee will hold a hearing titled "Protecting Patients and Taxpayers: Combating Healthcare Fraud and Leakage to Strengthen Program Integrity." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:15 a.m., the House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will hold a hearing titled "State Medicaid Program Integrity: Examining Fraud Risks and Oversight Deficiencies." [More information here.](#)

Housing

On Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., the Bipartisan Policy Center will hold its 2026 Terwilliger Center Summit on Housing Supply Solutions. [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)
- Rep. Tory Downing (R-MT)

On Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., Punchbowl News will hold its Future of Housing Summit. [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE)

Immigration

On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on the Constitution will hold a hearing titled "Protecting American Citizenship IV: America 250 and

Reclaiming American Citizenship." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 1:00 p.m., the Economic Policy Institute will hold a virtual discussion titled "The economic costs of DHS attacks on immigrants." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 2:00 p.m., the House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Oversight will hold a hearing titled "False Narratives Surrounding Conditions at the Delaney Hall ICE Detention Center." [More information here.](#)

Judicial

On Tuesday at 10:15 a.m., the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on several pending nominations for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia. [More information here.](#)

Labor

On Wednesday at 9:45 a.m., the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a markup to vote on several pending nominations for the Department of Labor and National Labor Relations Board. [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., the House Education and Workforce Committee Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development will hold a hearing titled "Workforce Rewired: Modern Apprenticeships for a Modern Economy." [More information here.](#)

Political

On Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., the Brookings Institution will hold a discussion titled "What binds Americans today: Ideals or identity?" [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 12:00 p.m., the R Street Institute will hold a virtual discussion titled "Choosing How We Choose: Alternative Methods for Candidate Selection." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 1:15 p.m., the Brookings Institution will hold an event titled "Restoring Social Security solvency and reducing elderly poverty." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Freedom 250 will hold an event titled "A Kick-off Celebration for the Great American State Fair," celebrating America's 250th birthday. [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- President Donald Trump
- Doug Burgum, secretary, Department of the Interior
- Brooke Rollins, secretary, Department of Agriculture

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency will hold a hearing titled "Combating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)." [More information here.](#)

Tech-Media-Telecom

On Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies will hold a virtual discussion titled "What Does Space Superiority Really Mean?" [More information here.](#)

On Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., the Center for a New American Security will hold a virtual discussion titled "Achieving US Strategic Priorities in Quantum Networking." [More information here.](#)

On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on kids' online safety titled "Examining Tech Industry Practices and the Implications for Users and Families: Is This Social Media's Big Tobacco Moment?" [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Science, Space and Technology Committee Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight will hold a hearing titled "Safeguarding Federal Research Funds: The False Claims Act's Role in Combating Grant Fraud." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., the Center for a New American Security will hold a virtual discussion titled "China's AI Capabilities and the Risks to US National Security." [More information here.](#)

On Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., Jews United for Democracy and Justice will hold a virtual discussion titled "When AI Meets Government: Promise, Panic, and the Work in Between." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Center for Strategic and International Studies will hold a discussion titled "Data Centers and the Future of AI Infrastructure: Federal, Local, and Industry Perspectives." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:15 a.m., the House Administration Committee will hold a hearing titled "The Congressional Research Service and the Future of AI-Enabled Policy Analysis." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:30 a.m., the Federal Communications Commission will hold its June 2026 Open Commission Meeting to consider proposed rulemakings on wireline infrastructure, children's protection, emergency response/alert system improvements, and submarine cables. [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:30 a.m., the Henry L. Stimson Center will hold a discussion titled "AI and Scams: Beyond the Hype." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 1:00 p.m., the Federal Communications Bar Association's Tech Bar will hold a virtual event titled "FCC Enforcement After Jarkesy: Enforcement, Forfeitures, and What Comes Next." [More information here.](#)

Trade

From Tuesday through Thursday, the American Association of Exporters & Importers will hold its annual Conference & Trade Day. [More information here.](#)

On Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., the Peterson Institute for International Economics will hold a virtual discussion titled "Geopolitics and global value chains: Implications for trade policy and development in Asia." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 8:30 a.m., the Hudson Institute will hold a discussion titled "Securing America's AI Advantage: US Export Control Policy." [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Senator Jim Banks (R-IN)
- Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing on several pending nominations for the International Trade Commission. [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Washington International Trade Association will hold a virtual discussion titled "Trade at the Border: Customs, Enforcement, and Emerging Challenges." [More information here.](#)

On Thursday at 1:00 p.m., the Cato Institute will hold a discussion titled "Win-Win Trade in North America: Five Years of the USMCA (US-Mexico-Canada Agreement)." [More information here.](#) Expected participants include:

- Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE)

Transportation

On Tuesday at 8:00 a.m., Google will hold its Geo for Gov 2026 Summit, featuring a discussion titled "Modernizing Movement: Smarter Systems for Transportation and Trade." [More information here](#). Expected participants include:

- Seval Oz, assistant secretary for research and technology, Department of Transportation

On Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation will hold a hearing titled "Close Calls: Improving Safety Across the National Airspace System." [More information here](#).

On Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled "Reforming the US Postal Service's Broken Business Model." [More information here](#).

On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on several pending nominations, including Thomas B. Chapman to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Edward Eppler to be the CFO of the Transportation Department, and Karen Sessions to be a commissioner of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. [More information here](#).

On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust will hold a hearing titled "The 30,000 Foot View: Competition and Regulation in the US Airline Industry." [More information here](#).

On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Brookings Institution will hold a discussion titled "Driving down the cost of buses: Helping transit agencies get more for their money." [More information here](#). Expected participants include:

- Rep. Maxwell Alejandro Frost (D-FL)



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