

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 26, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Lena Tam

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor*
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Schedule

The House and the Senate will be in session this week, cutting the recess short to address government funding. The Senate returned today, and the House will come back on Wednesday.

FY24 Appropriations

House and Senate negotiators have hit an impasse on funding the federal government beyond the March 1st deadline, increasing the chances Congress passes another short-term CR or enters into a partial government shutdown. House and Senate leadership have so far been unable to reach an agreement on key funding levels and policy riders throughout the 12 appropriations bills, with the House Freedom Caucus continuing to push for hard-right policy wins in a funding measure that requires bipartisan, bicameral support. The March 1 deadline would affect the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Army Corps of Engineers, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

The top four Congressional leaders will meet tomorrow at the White House with President Biden to discuss federal funding and international aid for Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan. If an agreement is not reached this week, Congress could also take up another short-term funding extension through mid-March, avoiding another government shutdown.

Over the weekend, Majority Leader Schumer released a Dear Colleague Letter advocating for a bipartisan, bicameral solution to FY24 appropriations and international aid funding.

The President is scheduled to deliver the State of the Union on March 7th, which may be delayed further if the government enters into a partial government shutdown.

Mayorkas Impeachment Trial Delayed

The Senate will likely not take up the House impeachment of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas this week. House Speaker Mike Johnson must sign the articles of impeachment before managers can walk them over to the Senate for consideration. Instead, Speaker Johnson has delayed signing the articles of impeachment so that Congress can resolve the current funding impasse. An impeachment trial would take precedence over any legislative business. As a result, managers are appointed once the articles are signed, and Senators are then sworn in as jurors. It is widely expected that the Senate will quickly move to dismiss the charges against Mayorkas, which only requires a simple majority.

Child Tax Credit (CTC) Expansion Bill

There are no immediate plans for the Senate to take up the House-passed \$78 billion tax package in the Senate. Lawmakers must first prioritize avoiding a partial government shutdown before considering the tax package. The tax bill could be put on the floor as a standalone bill or paired with another must-pass measure, but with Senate Finance noncommittal in taking up the bill, passage is not certain at this point.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Recommendation from PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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