New Year, New Congress: A Month-by-Month Guide to the 113th

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AALL voices the needs and interests of law librarians at the national, state, local and international levels.

The AALL Government Relations Office and Government Relations Committee work together to develop advocacy materials, create relationships with policymakers, and help members to be effective advocates.
Issues to Watch: 113th Congress

• Copyright
• Access to official, authentic legal material
• Privacy
• Net Neutrality
Welcoming the New Congress

• Use our Legislative Act Center
  http://www.congressweb.com/cweb2/index.cfm/siteid/ALL

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Committees

House
• Judiciary
• Oversight and Government Reform
• House Administration
• Energy and Commerce

Senate
• Judiciary
• Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
• Rules and Administration
• Commerce, Science, and Transportation
FEBRUARY
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<td>First Monday in February</td>
<td>President submits budget to Congress.</td>
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<td>February 15</td>
<td>Congressional Budget Office submits economic and budget outlook report to Budget Committees.</td>
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<td>Six weeks after President submits budget</td>
<td>Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.</td>
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<td>April 1</td>
<td>Senate Budget Committee reports budget resolution.</td>
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<td>Congress completes action on budget resolution.</td>
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<td>May 15</td>
<td>Annual appropriations bills may be considered in the House, even if action on budget resolution has not been completed.</td>
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<td>June 10</td>
<td>House Appropriations Committee reports last annual appropriations bill.</td>
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<td>Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation (if required by budget resolution).</td>
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<td>June 30</td>
<td>House completes action on annual appropriations bills.</td>
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<td>July 15</td>
<td>President submits mid-session review of his budget to Congress.</td>
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<td>October 1</td>
<td>Fiscal year begins.</td>
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MARCH
Sunshine Week and Open Gov

• Sunshine Week – great time for open government events
• Focus on FOIA

Judge Kenneth Peterson, Charity Kenyon and Marjie Lundstrom during the 2010 NOCALL Sunshine Week panel discussion.
APRIL
“All Politics is Local”

• AALL Chapter Lobby Day, April 18
• Virtual Lobby Day for those outside DC area
MAY
Hearings, Markups and Votes, Oh My!

• Congress’s longest stretch- expect legislative action!
• Stay in the know
  - Follow us on Twitter @AALL_GRO
• Review our Advocacy Toolkit
  - http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/aallwash/Advocacy-Toolkit
JUNE
The Half-Way Point

• Check status of legislation we support and oppose
• Bill Tracking chart
• Washington E-Bulletin
JULY
• AALL Annual Meeting: July 13-16 in Seattle, Washington

- Legislative Advocacy Training
- 2013 Policy Programs
- Public Policy Update – PAGI and Oakley Awards
PAGI and Oakley Awards

Send nominations to Melanie Knapp at moberlin@gmu.edu by February 1.
AUGUST
• August recess – Meet Your Member
• Town Hall meetings
• Library tours

Day on the Hill participant Cindi Ernst with Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO-5)

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SEPTEMBER
• Back to school
• Media opportunities for legislative impact
  - Letters to the Editor
  - Op-Eds
OCTOBER
• Legislative Hearings: measures or policy issues that may become public law.

• Oversight Hearings: review or study a law or issue with focus on the quality of federal programs
NOVEMBER
• Presidential Memorandum on Managing Government Records – November 28, 2011

• Committees:
  - Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee
  - House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
DECEMBER
• End of first session of 113\textsuperscript{th} Congress
• Lessons learned and strategies ahead
Welcome to the new Government Relations Office (GRO) homepage!

AALL has a strong commitment to serving its members through its government relations program, based out of our Washington, D.C. office on Capitol Hill. AALL works to influence information policy issues affecting law libraries at the national, state, local and international levels. Our government relations program is developed in accordance with AALL’s Government Relations Policy, and in consultation with AALL’s three policy committees: the Copyright Committee, Digital Access to Legal Information Committee, Government Relations Committee, and, where necessary or appropriate, the President or Executive Board of the Association.

Use the links at the right to access information on the many policy issues in which AALL is involved and resources on effective advocacy.

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