

Fall's Congressional To Do List

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The traditional August recess was anything but quiet for those tracking developments in Washington. Fittingly, the recess ended with the President pitching Congress the highly emotional DACA issue for debate. Meanwhile, Congress's first order of business upon its return will be providing funds for the Hurricane Harvey cleanup. It is expected that a down payment will be made to keep recovery efforts continuing while the State of Texas and Louisiana begin to assess the damage. Harvey cleanup—and how to pay for it—will dominate the fall.

That said, members of Congress will have to walk and chew gum at the same time—and some argue pat their heads and rub their stomachs as well—as the list of must-pass legislation grows and the federal budget shrinks. Legislation to increase the debt limit, fund the government after the fiscal year closes and reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program and the Federal Aviation Administration all will have to pass both chambers and make it to the President's desk in the month of September.



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