

House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita M. Lowey sent the following Dear Colleague to House Appropriators last night:

June 18, 2020

Dear Colleague,

Following up on my June 4 letter, I want to provide additional information about markups to help with your planning. Included below is the current schedule for subcommittee markups.

We are attempting to reserve a second hearing room from another committee. If we are successful, the days will not change but the times will be adjusted so that markups may begin only one hour apart. The time between markups will allow the staff to comply with Dr.

Monahan's guidance on cleaning which states:

5.5.8.1 Larger Meeting Rooms: Meeting room areas should have an appropriate interval established after the meeting is adjourned and all participants leave that allows for cleaning. Prior to room cleaning, a 60-minute interval should pass from the conclusion of the meeting to the start of the cleaning process for settling of any possible infectious droplets, and atmosphere ventilation replenishment. Cleaning personnel may then wipe down contact surfaces with the approved cleaning product prior to the arrival of individuals for start of the next meeting.

The committee will fully comply with Dr. Monahan's guidelines issued on June 16. As a large committee, there are a limited number of spaces where we can meet and practice social distancing. All attendees will be required to wear masks to protect their colleagues. Additionally, we will allow for remote participation to accommodate members who cannot travel to Washington for health reasons, in compliance with House rules. There will be a practice run for a full committee hybrid markup at 4:00pm on July 8 in the Ways and Means hearing room, which is where I expect our full committee markups to take place.

Full committee markups will begin on July 9, when we will consider 302(b) allocations, State and Foreign Operations, Agriculture, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bills. The full committee will report out the Energy and Water and Interior and Environment bills on July 10. The following week I expect markups to begin Monday morning and end with only one bill being considered on Thursday, so that members can depart Washington that afternoon or evening.

I hope everyone is healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Nita M. Lowey Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations

FY 2020 subcommittee markup schedule

- July 6 – 4:00pm State and Foreign Operations, 6:00pm Agriculture, and 8:00pm Military Construction and Veterans Affairs
- July 7 – 9:00am Homeland Security, 11:00am Interior and Environment, 1:00pm Legislative Branch, 3:00pm Energy and Water, and 5:00pm Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
- July 8 – 9:00am Commerce, Justice, Science, 11:00am Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, 1:00pm Financial Services and General Government, and 3:00pm Defense