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Happy Fourth of July!

Looks like a quiet week in Washington, but that can all change!

The President celebrates Independence Day, the Senate stays in Washington to reach a deal on the debt limit, and the House returns after a pre-July 4 recess.

President Obama hosts a 4th of July celebration on the South Lawn today. On Thursday, he hosts the first-ever Twitter town hall [1] to answer questions in 140 characters or fewer.

The Senate gavels in Tuesday and turns to a resolution on the conflict in Libya [2].

The House returns Tuesday and fills its week with appropriations bills.

More from the *Hill* here [3].

House Hearings: THURSDAY—The Oversight and Government Reform Committee examines [4] "Cybersecurity: The Nation's Ability to Address the Growing Cyber Threat." The Education and Workforce Committee holds a hearing [5] on "Rushing Union Elections: Protecting the Interests of Big Labor at the Expense of Worker's Free Choice." The Judiciary Committee marks up [6] the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011 (H.R. 966 [7]). An Energy and Commerce subcommittee hears [8] the "The Views of the Independent Agencies on Regulatory Reform." A Science, Space and Technology subcommittee looks at the ethanol blend, E15 [9]. FRIDAY—A Ways and Means subcommittee holds a hearing [10] on Social Security. Subcommittees from the Natural Resources Committee and Agriculture Committee hold a joint hearing [11] on the ban on horizontal drilling on federal lands.

Economic Reports: From the New York Times [12]: "Data will include factory orders for May (Tuesday); the Institute for Supply Management service index for June (Wednesday); the ADP employment report for June and weekly jobless claims (Thursday); and unemployment for June and wholesale trade and consumer credit for May (Friday)."

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