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President Obama Delivers State of the Union Address

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In his eighth and final State of the Union address, President Obama focused on his views of and hopes for the future beyond his last year in office. [More »](#)

Upgrading Energy Policy in 2016

Michael A. Andrews

In December, the House of Representatives passed, by a highly partisan vote, a substantial energy policy bill. When the legislation was first introduced, it had broad bipartisan support, but as amendments were added, the Democrats abandoned the bill and refused to vote for it. In the Senate, a companion bill was introduced by the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Chair, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Ranking Member, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA). [More »](#)

Congressional Oversight in the 114th Congress: What to Expect in 2016

Daniel F. Donovan, Theodore M. Hester, Eleanor Hill, William Clarkson

While it is likely that the Obama Administration will continue to be a major focus of GOP-led oversight inquiries in 2016, industry stakeholders, particularly those affected by legislation or proposed regulations, should also expect to face additional scrutiny. [More »](#)

Observations from Campaign 2016

Robert L. Ehrlich

Just weeks out from the first of the presidential nominating contests, former Governor Ehrlich shares his candid observations and predictions about the Democratic and Republican candidates' campaigns. [More »](#)

What's Ahead for Health Care?

Allison F. Kassir

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With no clear “must-do” legislative priorities for health care in 2016, aside from annual appropriations, any legislation with potential of enactment must have strong bipartisan support and relatively little controversy. We should not expect massive policy reforms but more likely targeted fixes to address specific issues. [More »](#)

Financial Services Legislation: 2015 in Review and What to Expect in 2016

J.C. Boggs

To the surprise of many, Congress passed a number of financial services bills in 2015, including six that amended the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. [More »](#)

Could 2016 Be the Year When Congress Finally Addresses Tax Reform?

Thomas J. Spulak

Like Vladimir and Estragon waiting for Godot, Washington has been waiting for Congress to tackle tax reform. The reason for the lack of action is a fundamental disagreement between Democrats and Republicans over what reform should achieve. Republicans believe that tax reform should be used to stimulate business and grow the economy. Democrats see reform as a way of bringing fairness to classes—taxing the 1% to raise revenue for spending on infrastructure, education, healthcare and other programs. To date, this chasm has been unbridgeable. [More »](#)

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