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NLRB Extends RFI Period on "Ambush" Election Rule. The National Labor Relations Board has extended the time to provide comments in response to its Request for Information on the controversial "Ambush" election rule from February 12 to March 19. Several members of the business community have requested still another 60-day extension in order to conduct further research on the issue. If the Board does decide to revisit the rule, it may wait until Board nominee John Ring is confirmed by the Senate, which would restore the Board's 3 - 2 Republican Majority. Ring is currently scheduled to go before the [Senate HELP Committee on March 1](#), with a committee vote scheduled for March 7. See [Jaclyn Hamlin's post](#) for more information on the RFI.

Secretary Acosta Makes the Rounds. Earlier today, DOL Secretary of Labor Alex Acosta addressed the crowd at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference. Acosta broadly commented on job creation and the strong economy, crediting the Administration's aggressive regulatory rollback and the passage of the GOP tax bill as driving factors. Acosta also touched on [DOL's proposal](#) to help small businesses access affordable health coverage through association health plans. [Joy Sellstrom](#) provides a [closer look](#) at the proposal.

Immediately following his remarks at CPAC, Secretary Acosta attended the inaugural meeting of a "new economy" working group at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Acosta stressed that the changing nature of work and the economy needed to be embraced, and that the "entrepreneurial economy" would be a more fitting moniker for this segment of the economy. He echoed earlier sentiments on removing burdensome regulations that hamper growth among "gig" companies and offered up association health plans as a potential vehicle for offering health care coverage to gig workers.

Recess & Recharge. Congress is out this week for President's Day. When they return next week, expect more activity on immigration and more specifics on how the government will be funded. We're also likely to get some additional insight into Administration priorities as committees on both sides of the Hill begin their hearings on the President's proposed budget request.

Upcoming Webinar: *Washington 2018 Labor and Employment Outlook: What Does Year Two of the Trump Administration Mean for You?*

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Eastern.

As the Trump Administration enters its second year, it remains focused on its stated goal of reducing regulatory burdens. Congress is focused on immigration in the near term, but is likely to take a hard look at a number of critical labor issues as the mid-term election approaches. And the DOL, EEOC, and NLRB are still waiting for critical positions to be filled before they can have their maximum impact on the labor and employment landscape. Join members of Seyfarth's new Government Relations and Policy

Practice Group as they discuss the federal government's expected impact on employers in 2018, including:

- Who is Running the Show . . . and Who Isn't? New Agency Leadership, Critical Vacancies, and Pending Confirmations
- The Effect of the Current Political Climate (and the Midterm Elections) on Labor & Employment Issues
- What Key Labor and Employment Legislation Has Already Been Introduced this Session? What Else is Expected?
- An Update on DOL's Regulatory Agenda

Contact Cassie Peterson at clpeterson@seyfarth.com to request a copy of the recording and slides from this webinar.

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