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Latest News

- The House and Senate are in session this week, with the House Democrats set to hold their leadership elections for the next Congress on Wednesday. The House is expected to consider the Coast Guard Reauthorization bill, and the Senate is expected to continue work on various nominations. The Joint Select Committee on Budget & Appropriations Process Reform will hold a markup this week on their proposal to reform the broken budget and appropriations process. One of the proposals to be debated will be a switch to biennial, or two-year budgeting. Negotiations over the remaining FY 2019 Appropriations bills continue with a deadline of next Friday. Sticking points include funding for the border wall, and provisions to protect the Special Counsel's Russia interference investigation.
- Brooks Bawden Moore's Ron Brooks once again served as the Master of Ceremonies for the banquet at the California Narcotic Officer's Association's 54th Annual Training Institute held this year at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego. This year's training conference was attended by more than 2,300 law enforcement professionals from across California. They were joined by police officers from eleven states and the countries of Sweden, Canada, Norway, Iceland, New Zealand and the UK. Attendees were able to select classes from a list of 35 that were offered. CNOA conducts more than 150,000 student hours of California POST approved each year. Founded in 1964, CNOA is the oldest and with 7,000 active members, the largest Narcotic Officer's Association in the world. Ron Brooks has served on it's Executive Board since 1986 and as CNOA's President in 1995.
- **Law Enforcement Health and Safety** - Last week, the Department of Justice announced that they have awarded over \$56 million in grant funding last month to enhance state, local, and tribal law enforcement safety and wellness. According to the release, the funds will be used to provide services designed to protect officers and improve overall public safety. More than \$29.8 million will reimburse jurisdictions for up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers; \$12 million will support law enforcement safety and wellness programs, research and services; and \$12.2 million will support the implementation of law enforcement agencies' body-worn camera programs. You can view the press release [here](#).
- **DOJ Annual Report on Indian Country** - The Department of Justice last week released its annual report on Indian country investigations and prosecutions. The report showed that the FBI closed 12.5 percent more investigations in 2017 than in 2016, 79.5 percent of Indian country criminal investigations opened by the FBI were referred for prosecution, and the USAO declination rate remained relatively steady. You can view the report [here](#).





- **ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

Cotton gets new weapon in GOP feud over criminal justice reform**Politico | Burgess Everett and Elana Schor**

The Senate's bipartisan sentencing and prison reform bill could make people convicted of some sex crimes eligible for early release, according to a new Justice Department analysis conducted for Sen. Tom Cotton — giving the bill's most influential critic a new weapon against it. Cotton is in the middle of a brutal intraparty fight over the legislation — which has strong backing from President Donald Trump — and says it allows early prison release of “violent sex offenders.” The Arkansas Republican argues that the latest version of the bill has been rushed and contains significant flaws, and the DOJ's recent analysis lends some credence to Cotton's argument by saying that convicts of certain sex-related crimes could accrue credits making them eligible for supervised release or “pre-release” to a halfway house.

Continue reading [here](#).

Six months in, Europe's privacy revolution favors Google, Facebook**Politico | Mark Scott, Laurens Cerulus and Laura Kayali**

Europe's sweeping new privacy rules are fueling an explosion in complaints by individuals, reports of data breaches by companies, and greater awareness among Europeans about data protection. But six months after coming online, research suggests the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has also dampened investment in startups on the EU tech scene. Big companies like Google and Facebook are more dominant than ever in their markets, and no Silicon Valley giant has yet felt the sting of eye-watering financial penalties linked to the rules as regulators struggle to keep up with an increased workload. **Continue reading** [here](#).

Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

Joint Select Committee on Budget & Appropriations Process Reform - Full Committee Markup

[Markup of Report, Recommendations and Legislative Language Day 2](#)

November 27 @ 2:00 pm - 1334 Longworth

Senate Homeland Security Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - November 28 @ 10:00 am - 342 Dirksen

Nomination of [Ronald D. Vitiello](#), to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S.

Department of Homeland Security

Status: To be considered by the Senate Homeland Security Committee on 11/28.

House Oversight Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[BOP Management of Its Female Inmate Population, And Other Challenges](#)

November 28 @ 1:00 PM - 2154 Rayburn

Senate Banking Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Combating Money Laundering and Other Forms of Illicit Finance: Regulator and Law Enforcement Perspectives on Reform](#)

November 29 @ 10:00 am - 538 Dirksen

House Oversight Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Evaluating Federal Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts](#)

November 29 @ 10:00 am - 2154 Rayburn



Legislation on the Floor This Week

House:

S. 140 - Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018

Status: To be considered by the House on 11/27/18; Approved by the Senate on 11/14/18.

Summary: Reauthorizes the Coast Guard for FY 2018-2019. The bill authorizes the U.S. Coast Guard for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 at \$9.8 billion and \$10.5 billion. It also includes new authorities to combat illicit trafficking and smuggling and transnational criminal organizations by furthering interagency cooperation, combating concealment of bulk cash, and increasing the Coast Guard's ability to use informants.

H.R. 3154 - Inspector General Access Act of 2017

Status: To be considered by the House this week.

Summary: This bill amends the Inspector General Act of 1978 to eliminate a provision of such Act that requires referral of allegations of misconduct involving Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys, investigators, or law enforcement personnel to the DOJ Office of Professional Responsibility (thus allowing the DOJ Inspector General to investigate such allegations).

*Additional legislation may be considered.

Senate:

Note: Due to Senate scheduling and rules, additional items not listed may be added to the calendar for consideration.

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.

Recap of Last Week's Hearings & Markups

Note: For more details on any of the following hearings, we can provide access to hearing transcripts upon request.

The House and Senate were not in session.

Legislation Considered Last Week

House:

The House was not in session.

Senate:

The Senate was not in session.



Legislation Introduced Last Week

The House and Senate were not in session, and no legislation affecting the law enforcement or homeland security community was introduced.



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Upcoming Events/Conferences

[National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition 2019 DC Conference](#)
February 3-6—Washington, DC

[Major County Sheriffs of America & Major Cities Chiefs Association 2019 Joint Winter Conference](#)
February 12-14—Washington, DC

[Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network - 13th Annual Gang Training Conference](#)
March 3-6—Hanover, MD

[Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies 2019 Spring Conference](#)
May 5-8—Gulf Shores, AL

[Major County Sheriffs of America 2019 Summer Conference](#)
June 12-14—Louisville, KY

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Senate in Session

House & Senate in Session

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