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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Latest News

- The House and Senate are in session this week, with the House Energy & Commerce Committee holding a hearing on SAFE kits at hospitals, the House Judiciary Committee holding a hearing on Google data collection issues, and the Senate Judiciary Committee holding hearings on international narcotics trafficking, and an oversight hearing on CBP. Senator McConnell announced that the Senate will consider an updated compromise version of the FIRST STEP Act, which includes sentencing and prison reforms, including reentry programs. The Senate could begin consideration as early as this week.
- The COPS Office recently launched a new video series titled, *What's New in Blue*. The new series are short videos intended to keep viewers informed about innovative developments and critical issues in law enforcement. The first episode discusses the prevalence of coronary disease in law enforcement and offers suggested measures for officers to prevent heart attacks. You can view this series [here](#).
- **DHS Report on Surviving a Catastrophic Power Outage** - The President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council recently issued a new report examining the nation's ability to respond to and recover from a catastrophic power outage. The report recommends that the U.S. should respond to this problem in two ways: 1) design a national approach to prepare for, respond to, and recover from catastrophic power outages that provides the federal guidance, resources, and incentives needed to take action across all levels of government and industry and down to communities and individuals; and 2) improve our understanding of how cascading failures across critical infrastructure will affect restoration and survival. You can view the report [here](#).

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

McConnell revives Trump's criminal justice reform

Politico | Burgess Everett

Mitch McConnell has decided to bring criminal justice reform to the Senate floor as soon as this week, a remarkable turnaround for the long-stalled bill that will potentially give a big bipartisan win to President Donald Trump. The latest version of the measure could be released as soon as Tuesday, according to two sources familiar with the matter, and is likely to win over more Republicans on a plan that had sharply divided the GOP. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Sheriffs group remains unsatisfied with sentencing bill

The Washington Post | Seung Min Kim

The National Sheriffs Association said Monday it is unsatisfied with the latest draft of an overhaul of the criminal justice system, denying support for President Trump's late-year legislative priority from one group that may be key to persuading more Senate Republicans to vote for the bill. Senators, led by Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles E. Grassley (R-



Iowa) and Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.), have worked on revisions aimed at winning over skittish GOP senators who would like to support the Trump-backed legislation but have been concerned that the bill would undercut the party's tough-on-crime reputation. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

House Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Transparency & Accountability: Examining Google and its Data Collection, Use and Filtering Practices](#)

December 11 @ 10:00 am - 2141 Rayburn

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Oversight of U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

December 11 @ 10:00 am - 226 Dirksen

House Energy & Commerce Committee - Oversight Subcommittee Hearing

[Examining the Availability of SAFE Kits at Hospitals in the United States](#)

December 12 @ 10:00 am - 2123 Rayburn

Senate Judiciary Committee - Border Security Subcommittee Hearing

[Narcos: Transnational Cartels and Border Security](#)

December 12 @ 2:30 pm - 226 Dirksen

Senate Indian Affairs Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Oversight Hearing on "Missing and Murdered: Confronting the Silent Crisis in Indian Country."](#)

December 12 @ 2:30 pm - 628 Dirksen

Legislation on the Floor This Week

House:

[H.R. 6893](#) - Secret Service Overtime Pay Extension Act

Status: To be considered by the House on 12/10/18;

Summary: This bill amends the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016 to extend through 2019, subject to specified limitations, the exemption of U.S. Secret Service officers, employees, and agents who perform protective services from the limitation on premium pay otherwise applicable to federal employees.

[H.R. 2](#) - Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018

Status: To be considered by the House and Senate this week.

Summary: This bill reauthorizes through FY2023 and modifies Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs. The compromise agreement would enable U.S. farmers to cultivate, process and sell hemp.

*Additional legislative items may be added to the schedule.

Senate:

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



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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.

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.

Legislation Considered Last Week

House:

[H.J.Res.143 - Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.](#)

Status: Signed by the President on 12/7/18; Approved by the Senate on 12/6; Approved by the House on 12/6.

Summary: This joint resolution amends the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 to provide continuing FY2019 appropriations to several federal agencies through December 21, 2018 (December 7, 2018, under current law). It also extends the National Flood Insurance Program through December 21, 2018. The resolution prevents a partial government shutdown that would otherwise occur when the existing CR expires if any of the 7 remaining FY2019 appropriations bills have not been enacted.

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[H.R. 1417 - National Law Enforcement Museum Exhibits Act](#)

Status: Approved by the Senate on 12/6; Approved by the House on 5/15.

Summary: This bill amends the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to permit the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington, DC, to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms in fulfilling the museum's purposes.

[S. 1942 - Savanna's Act](#)

Status: Approved by the Senate as amended on 12/6.

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to update the online data entry format for federal databases relevant to cases of missing and murdered Indians to include a new data field for users to input the victim's tribal enrollment information or affiliation.

[H.R. 2454 - Department of Homeland Security Data Framework Act of 2017](#)

Status: Approved by the Senate as amended on 12/6; Approved by the House on 9/12.



Summary: This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) develop a data framework to integrate existing DHS datasets and systems for access by authorized personnel in a manner consistent with relevant legal authorities and privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties policies and protections; (2) ensure that all information of a DHS office or component that falls within the scope of the information sharing environment, and any information or intelligence relevant to priority mission needs and capability requirements of the homeland security enterprise, is included; and (3) ensure that the framework is accessible to DHS employees who have an appropriate security clearance, who are assigned to perform a function that requires access, and who are trained in applicable standards for safeguarding and using such information. DHS shall: (1) issue guidance for DHS employees authorized to access and contribute to the framework that enforces a duty to share between DHS offices and components for mission needs; and (2) promulgate data standards and instruct DHS components to make available information through the framework in a machine-readable format. DHS shall incorporate into such framework systems capabilities for auditing and ensuring the security of information. Such capabilities shall include: (1) mechanisms for identifying insider threats and security risks; and (2) safeguards for privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. DHS shall ensure that, by two years after this bill's enactment, the framework has the ability to include appropriate information in existence within the department to meet its critical mission operations.

H.R. 5075 - Ashanti Alert Act of 2018

Status: Approved by the Senate as amended on 12/6; Approved by the House on 9/25.

Summary: This bill directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a national communications network—the Ashanti Alert communications network—to support regional and local search efforts for missing adults. The Ashanti Alert communications network must operate in coordination with the AMBER Alert communications network (i.e., the communications network that supports search efforts for abducted children).



Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
12/6/2018	HR 7219	Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19)	No Guns for Terrorists Act of 2018 - To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale of firearms to individuals suspected of terrorism, and for other purposes.
12/6/2018	HR 7218	Vincente Gonzalez (D-TX-15)	Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains Act of 2018 - To expand the grants authorized under Jennifer's Law and Kristen's Act to include processing of unidentified remains, resolving missing persons cases, and for other purposes.
12/6/2018	S 3719	John Cornyn (R-TX)	A bill to expand the grants authorized under Jennifer's Law and Kristen's Act to include processing of unidentified remains, resolving missing persons cases, and for other purposes.
12/6/2018	S 3714	Mark Warner (D-VA)	A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Ashanti Alert plans throughout the United States, and for other purposes.
12/5/2018	S 3713	James Inhofe (R-OK)	A bill to appropriate \$25,000,000,000 for the construction of a border wall between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes.
12/5/2018	S 3711	Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	A bill to establish an annual fee applicable to opioid manufacturers.
12/5/2018	S 3707	Rob Portman (R-OH)	A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a vulnerability disclosure policy for Department of Homeland Security internet websites, and for other purposes.
12/5/2018	S 3706	John Cornyn (R-TX)	A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a threat and operational analysis of ports of entry, and for other purposes.
12/4/2018	S 4	Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	Acquitted Conduct Reform Act of 2018 - To prohibit courts from considering acquitted conduct at sentencing, and for other purposes.
12/3/2018	HR 7213	Dan Donovan (R-NY-11)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, and for other purposes.
12/3/2018	HR 7212	Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12)	To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for additional programs funded by grants to strengthen the healthcare system's response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and for other purposes.



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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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