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Latest News

- The House and Senate were in session this week, with both chambers considering legislation to fully reopen the federal government. None of the proposals considered have enough support to pass both the House and Senate, and are unlikely to be signed in to law. Negotiations continue, and there is a chance that an agreement could be made on a short-term Continuing Resolution to open the government back up.
- **House Homeland Security Report** - Earlier this month, the House Homeland Security Committee Republicans released a report, *Stopping Terrorist Travel Through Illicit Pathways to the Homeland*, which outlines ways to close entry ways utilized by Special Interest Aliens and others from entering the U.S. and outline ways to mitigate various threats including terrorism. The report provides key recommendations including authorizing key programs, offices, and new authorities; the need to conduct threat analyses for our borders and ports of entry; and the need to strengthen coordination and cooperation. You can read the report [here](#).
- **BJA Grant Webinars** - To assist potential applicants interested in applying for FY 2019 funding opportunities, BJA is hosting a series of educational webinars. You can find more information on those webinars [here](#).
- **ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**
 - New intelligence strategy warns of threats to Western democracy**
The Washington Post | Shane Harris
The United States will be challenged in coming years by nations that exploit “the weakening of the post-WWII international order and dominance of Western democratic ideals” and “increasingly isolationist tendencies in the West,” according to a new intelligence document published Tuesday. The document, known as the National Intelligence Strategy, cited Russia as seeking to flex its geopolitical muscle in order to challenge the United States “in multiple regions.” **Continue reading** [here](#).

Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.



Legislation on the Floor This Week

House:

[H.J.Res. 28](#) - Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act

Status: Approved by the House on 1/23.

Summary: This joint resolution provides continuing FY2019 appropriations to several federal agencies through the earlier of February 28, 2019, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations legislation.

[H.R. 648](#) - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019

Status: Approved by the House on 1/23.

Summary: Funds the six of the remaining seven FY 2019 appropriations bills (excludes DHS) with the negotiated spending levels and provisions from last year through the end of the current fiscal year.

[H.J.Res. 31](#) - Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

Status: Approved by the House on 1/24.

Summary: This joint resolution provides continuing FY2019 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the earlier of February 28, 2019, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations legislation.

Senate:

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

[H.R. 268](#) - Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2019

Status: Both amendments failed to gain the 60 votes needed to move debate forward.

Summary: Two amendments in the nature of a substitute will be considered, 1) negotiated remaining FY 2019 appropriations bills to include border security funding and DACA extension, and an emergency supplemental for disaster assistance, 2) Continuing Resolution with an emergency supplemental for disaster assistance through February 8.

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.

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Nomination Hearing - January 15

[Nomination of the Honorable William Pelham Barr to be Attorney General of the United States](#)

Summary: The Senate Judiciary Committee held the nomination hearing for Bill Barr to be the next Attorney General. Most of the questions focused on the Mueller Russia investigation including whether he would recuse himself from the investigation and whether he would publicly release the conclusions of the investigation. Aside from questions on the Mueller investigation, he was also asked about the use of asset forfeiture. He stated the importance of asset forfeiture but also committed to examine the reforms put in place under Attorney General Sessions. Barr also discussed his views on criminal justice reform issues.



Legislation Considered Last Week

House:

[H.R. 202](#) - Inspector General Access Act of 2019

Status: Approved by the House on 1/15.

Summary: This bill transfers responsibility for investigating certain allegations of misconduct from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Professional Responsibility to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General. Specifically, the bill transfers responsibility for allegations relating to a DOJ attorney's authority to investigate, litigate, or provide legal advice.

[H.R. 150](#) - Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2019

Status: Approved by the House on 1/17.

Summary: This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget, jointly with the executive department that issues the most federal grant awards, to: (1) establish government-wide data standards for information reported by grant recipients, (2) issue guidance directing federal agencies to apply those standards, and (3) require the publication of recipient-reported data collected from all agencies on a single public website.

[H.R. 268](#) - Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019

Status: Approved by the House on 1/16

Summary: This bill provides \$12.1 billion in FY2019 supplemental appropriations to several federal departments and agencies for expenses related to the consequences of recent wildfires, hurricanes, volcanos, earthquakes, typhoons, and other natural disasters.

[H.J. Res. 28](#) - Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019

Status: Approved by the House on 1/17.

Summary: This joint resolution provides continuing FY2019 appropriations to several federal agencies through the earlier of February 28, 2019, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations legislation.

[H.R. 251](#) - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act

Status: Approved by the House on 1/17; Approved by the Senate as amended on 1/16; Approved by the House on 1/8.

Summary: This bill extends by two years the Department of Homeland Security's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

Senate:

[H.R. 251](#) - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act

Status: Approved by the House on 1/17; Approved by the Senate as amended on 1/16; Approved by the House on 1/8.

Summary: This bill extends by two years the Department of Homeland Security's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.



Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
1/18/2019	S 193	Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.
1/17/2019	HR 687	Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)	To provide for the mandatory licensing and registration of handguns, and for other purposes.
1/17/2019	HR 686	Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)	To require face-to-face purchases of ammunition, to require licensing of ammunition dealers, and to require reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition.
1/17/2019	HR 680	Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-2)	To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector.
1/17/2019	HR 674	Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-12)	To authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.
1/17/2019	HR 659	Ted Deutch (D-FL-22)	To establish a gun buyback grant program.
1/17/2019	HR 656	Luis Correa (D-CA-46)	To require the Attorney General to make grants to nonprofit organizations to offer legal assistance to certain aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, DACA recipients, and refugees, and for other purposes.
1/17/2019	S 184	Ed Markey (D-MA)	A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.
1/16/2019	HR 619	Brad Schneider (D-IL-10)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons.
1/16/2019	HR 618	Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-2)	To establish the Office of Critical Technologies and Security, and for other purposes.
1/16/2019	HR 612	Mike Johnson (R-LA-4)	To amend the Wilderness Act to authorize U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct certain activities to secure the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.
1/16/2019	HR 608	Clay Higgins (R-LA-3)	To direct the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education to develop and implement best practices for occupation-specific education for school resource officers.
1/16/2019	HR 607	Clay Higgins (R-LA-3)	To require the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education to conduct a survey of all public schools to determine the number of school resource officers at such schools.
1/16/2019	HR 606	Jody Hice (R-GA-10)	To require the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to make video recordings of the examination and testing of firearms and ammunition, and for other purposes.
1/16/2019	HR 601	Matt Gaetz (R-FL-1)	To increase the number of manufacturers registered under the Controlled Substances Act to manufacture cannabis for legitimate research purposes, to authorize health care providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide recommendations to veterans regarding participation in federally-approved cannabis clinical trials, and for other purposes.
1/16/2019	HR 600	Tom Emmer (R-MN-6)	To authorize the Office on Violence Against Women to improve the handling of crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by incorporating a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to and investigation of such crimes.



1/16/2019	HR 586	Doug Collins (R-GA-9)	To close loopholes in the immigration laws that serve as incentives to aliens to attempt to enter the United States unlawfully, and for other purposes.
1/16/2019	S 171	Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	A bill to authorize the Office on Violence Against Women to improve the handling of crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by incorporating a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to and investigation of such crimes.
1/16/2019	S 169	John Cornyn (R-TX)	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons.
1/16/2019	S 166	Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	A bill to provide provisional protected presence status for certain aliens and to provide mandatory appropriations relating to border security.
1/15/2019	HR 574	Mark Meadows (R-NC-11)	To clarify standards of family detention and the treatment of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.
1/15/2019	HR 570	Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	To amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking.
1/15/2019	HR 569	Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12)	To protect victims of stalking from gun violence.
1/15/2019	HR 568	Ted Deutch (D-FL-22)	To require the Governor of a State to submit to the Attorney General an annual report on the number of individuals who represented themselves in court in criminal matters or juvenile delinquency matters, and for other purposes.
1/15/2019	HR 551	Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the maximum penalty for mail theft.
1/15/2019	HR 546	Steve Palazzo (R-MS-4)	To provide for the issuance of revenue bonds to fund construction of a physical border barrier and related technology, roads, and lighting along the United States border with Mexico.
1/15/2019	S 134	Pat Toomey (R-PA)	A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking.
1/14/2019	HR 542	Kathleen Rice (D-NY-4)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes.
1/14/2019	HR 532	Anthony Brown (D-MD-4)	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use alternatives to detention for certain vulnerable immigrant populations, and for other purposes.
1/14/2019	HR 531	Anthony Brown (D-MD-4)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation may only be removed for cause, 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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