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Latest News

- The House and Senate are in session this week, with the House finishing consideration of its rules package, and will also consider several bills including four FY 2019 appropriation bills, to include the bill that funds ONDCP and HIDTA. Those appropriations bills are unlikely to be considered by the Senate. The Senate will consider legislation to provide support to Israel and the Middle East.
- Next week the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold the confirmation hearing on the nomination of William Barr to be the next Attorney General.
- **Leadership Positions** - Leadership positions in the House and Senate are beginning to take shape, with key Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Chairmen and Ranking Members being named. Below are the key positions relevant to the law enforcement and homeland security communities that have been selected to date.

Speaker of the House	Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)	
House Majority/ Minority Leaders	Steny Hoyer (D-MD)	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
House Majority/ Minority Whip	Jim Clyburn (D-SC)	Steve Scalise (R-LA)
Senate Majority/ Minority Leaders	Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
Senate Majority/ Minority Whip	John Thune (R-SD)	Dick Durbin (D-IL)
	Chairman	Ranking Member
House Judiciary	Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)	Doug Collins (R-GA)
Senate Judiciary	Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
House Homeland Security	Bennie Thompson (D-MS)	Mike Rogers (R-AL)
Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	Ron Johnson (R-WI)	Gary Peters (D-MI)
House Appropriations	Nita Lowey (D-NY)	Kay Granger (R-TX)
CJS Subcommittee	Jose Serrano (D-NY)	TBD
DHS Subcommittee	Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	TBD
Financial Services Subcommittee	Mike Quigley (D-IL)	TBD
Senate Appropriations	Richard Shelby (R-AL)	Pat Leahy (D-VT)
CJS Subcommittee	Jerry Moran (R-KS)	Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
DHS Subcommittee	Shelly Moore-Capito (R-WV)	Jon Tester (D-MT)
Financial Services	John Kennedy (R-LA)	Chris Coons (D-DE)
House Oversight and Reform	Elijah Cummings (D-MD)	Jim Jordan (R-OH)
House Intelligence	Adam Schiff (D-CA)	Devin Nunes (R-CA)
Senate Intelligence	Richard Burr (R-NC)	Mark Warner (D-VA)



- **ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

Rod Rosenstein expected to leave the Justice Department in a matter of weeks**Washington Examiner | Kelly Cohen**

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein is expected to step down from his role in the Justice Department in the coming weeks. A source confirmed to the Washington Examiner that Rosenstein always expected to serve for about two years, and said he is likely to leave after attorney general nominee Bill Barr is confirmed by the Senate. Barr's confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee begin Tuesday, and once he's confirmed, he will officially replace former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who was forced to resign by the White House in November. Barr's confirmation vote will likely not be before mid-February. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Is the hype about CBD, or cannabidiol, real?**The Washington Post | Steven Petrow**

Not that long ago, I would not have been able to tell you what the acronym "CBD" stood for, let alone what it was used for. CBD, or cannabidiol, is most commonly extracted from hemp, but it can also come from marijuana plants, which is why it is sometimes confused with its trippy chemical cousin THC. Unlike CBD, THC produces a high when smoked or eaten. Today, we are living in a CBD world, with tinctures, ointments and vaping oils popping up everywhere. Celebrities from Gwyneth Paltrow to Willie Nelson are CBD believers, and if you frequent the right coffee shops, you can even get a shot of cannabidiol in your latte. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Survey: Americans Warming to Use of Facial Recognition Tech**Nextgov | Frank Konkel**

A growing number of Americans are OK with the facial recognition technology, especially if it increases public safety, according to a national survey released Monday. Conducted on a national poll of 3,151 U.S. adults in December, the survey found only one in four Americans believe the federal government should strictly limit the use of facial biometrics technology. The survey also indicates Americans are more likely to support any apparent tradeoff to their own privacy caused by facial recognition technology if it benefits law enforcement, reduces shoplifting or speeds up airport security lines. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

No hearings affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.

Legislation on the Floor This Week

House:**[H.R. 251](#) - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act****Status:** Approved by the House on 1/8/19.**Summary:** This legislation extends the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program by two years.**[H.R. 202](#) - Inspector General Access Act****Status:** To be considered in the House this week.**Summary:** Under this legislation, allegations of misconduct within the Justice Department would be handled by its inspector general instead of its Office of Professional Responsibility. The inspector general is currently barred from investigating misconduct involving Justice Department personnel who are exercising their authority as attorneys, such as when they litigate or provide legal advice.



[H.R. 247](#) - Federal CIO Authorization Act

Status: To be considered in the House this week.

Summary: This legislation would formally reorganize an office that coordinates information technology policies across the federal government. The measure would codify changes to the position of the federal chief information officer CIO.

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

Status: To be considered in the House this week.

Summary: Under this legislation, data on federal grants would be standardized and published on a single online portal. The bill would require the development of standards for the information that grant and other award recipients must report to the government.

[H.R. 264](#) - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019

Status: To be considered in the House this week.

Summary: This bill would fund the Office of National Drug Control Policy, to include \$280 million for HIDTA, and \$99 million for the Drug Free Communities program.

[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.

No hearings were held in the House or Senate.

Legislation Considered Last Week

[House:](#)

[H.R. 21](#) - Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes

Status: Approved by the House on 1/3.

Summary: This bill funds the remaining outstanding FY 2019 appropriations measures except the Department of Homeland Security. The bill provides \$71.4 billion for the Commerce-Justice-Science measure, specifically the Department of Justice would receive \$30.7 billion, \$400 million more than in fiscal 2018 and \$945 million more than requested. The bill includes \$2.9 billion for grants to state and local law enforcement, \$445 million for Byrne JAG, \$360 million for grants to reduce opioid abuse under CARA, \$310 million for COPS program, and \$100 million for the STOP School Violence Act grant program. The bill would continue a policy rider that has been included in the past that would bar the Justice Department from preventing states, the District of Columbia, Guam, or Puerto Rico from implementing their own medical marijuana laws.

[H.J.Res. 1](#) - Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes



Status: Approved by the House on 1/3.

Summary: Funds the Department of Homeland Security at fiscal year 2018 levels through Feb. 8.

Senate:

[Nomination of James W. Carroll, Jr.](#), to be Director of National Drug Control Policy

Status: Approved by the Senate on 1/2/19.



Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
1/4/2019	HR 256	Glenn Grothman (R-WI-6)	To allow the Secretary of the Treasury to accept public donations to fund the construction of a barrier on the U.S.-Mexico border, and for other purposes.
1/4/2019	HR 251	Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)	To extend by two years the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
1/4/2019	S 29	Mark Warner (D-VA)	A bill to establish the Office of Critical Technologies and Security, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 223	Nydia Velazquez (D-NY-7)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish grants to reduce the incidence of hate crimes, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 207	Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-2)	To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma centers with violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 202	Cedric Richmond (D-LA-2)	To amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General.
1/3/2019	HR 200	Bill Posey (R-FL-8)	To allow the Secretary of the Treasury to accept public donations to fund the construction of a barrier on the border between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 175	Morgan Griffith (R-VA-9)	To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to more comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition.
1/3/2019	HR 171	Morgan Griffith (R-VA-9)	To provide for the legitimate use of medicinal marihuana in accordance with the laws of the various States.
1/3/2019	HR 169	Al Green (D-TX-9)	To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a grant program for States that establish specific standards for education and training programs concerning civilian and law enforcement encounters during traffic stops and other in-person encounters, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 168	Al Green (D-TX-9)	To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide lawful permanent resident status to previously removed alien parents and spouses of citizens of the United States, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 167	Al Green (D-TX-9)	To prohibit the transfer of a firearm at a gun show by a person who is not a licensed dealer.
1/3/2019	HR 157	Dwight Evans (D-PA-2)	To repeal the provisions of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act prohibiting the bringing of qualified civil liability actions in Federal or State court.
1/3/2019	HR 156	Eliot Engel (D-NY-16)	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for the transmission of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to trigger an emergency response.
1/3/2019	HR 155	Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove silencers from the definition of firearms, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 153	Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3)	To prohibit the receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 150	Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)	To modernize Federal grant reporting, and for other purposes.



1/3/2019	HR 146	Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3)	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to facilitate the removal of aliens identified in the terrorist screening database, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 145	Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3)	To authorize the revocation or denial of passports to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 127	Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)	To extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.
1/3/2019	HR 125	Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)	To provide for grants for States that require sensitivity training for law enforcement officers of that State and to incentivize States to enact laws requiring the independent investigation and prosecution of the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 121	Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)	To permit expungement of records of certain nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 120	Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras and securely storing and maintaining recorded data for law enforcement officers.
1/3/2019	HR 119	Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)	To require the Attorney General to issue rules pertaining to the collection and compilation of data on the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers.
1/3/2019	HR 110	Michael Burgess (R-TX-26)	To provide an exception to certain mandatory minimum sentence requirements for a person employed outside the United States by a Federal agency, who uses, carries, or possesses the firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence committed while on-duty with a firearm required to be carried while on-duty.
1/3/2019	HR 99	Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.
1/3/2019	HR 98	Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16)	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens associated with criminal gangs, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 97	Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16)	To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 88	Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5)	To protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, and to repeal Federal provisions related to switchblade knives which burden citizens.
1/3/2019	HR 85	Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5)	To establish a separate account in the Treasury to hold deposits to be used to secure the southern border of the United States, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 74	Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5)	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to detain any alien who is unlawfully present in the United States and is arrested for certain criminal offenses.
1/3/2019	HR 57	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a Civilian Cyber Defense National Resource in the Department of Homeland Security.



1/3/2019	HR 56	Ted Budd (R-NC-13)	To establish an Independent Financial Technology Task Force to Combat Terrorism and Illicit Financing, to provide rewards for information leading to convictions related to terrorist use of digital currencies, to establish a Fintech Leadership in Innovation and Financial Intelligence Program to encourage the development of tools and programs to combat terrorist and illicit use of digital currencies, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 53	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals reimbursed under the Medicare system to establish and implement security procedures to reduce the likelihood of infant patient abduction and baby switching, including procedures for identifying all infant patients in the hospital in a manner that ensures that it will be evident if infants are missing from the hospital.
1/3/2019	HR 52	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require a report and assessment regarding Department of Homeland Security responses to terrorist threats to Federal elections, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 50	Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)	To modernize Federal grant reporting, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 49	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report to the Congress semiannually on the number of firearms transfers resulting from the failure to complete a background check within 3 business days, and the procedures followed after it is discovered that a firearm transfer has been made to a transferee who is ineligible to receive a firearm.
1/3/2019	HR 47	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To create an alternative prosecutor for certain Federal offenses.
1/3/2019	HR 43	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report on cyber vulnerability disclosures, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 42	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a study on the circumstances which may impact the effectiveness and availability of first responders before, during, or after a terrorist threat or event, and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	HR 38	Richard Hudson (R-NC-8)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a means by which nonresidents of a State whose residents may carry concealed firearms may also do so in the State.
1/3/2019	HR 35	Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)	To amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act.
1/3/2019	HR 33	Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)	To increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.
1/3/2019	HR 32	Warren Davidson (R-OH-8)	To allow the Secretary of the Treasury to accept public donations to fund the construction of a barrier on the border between the United States and Mexico and for other purposes.
1/3/2019	S 25	Ted Cruz (R-TX)	A bill to reserve any amounts forfeited to the United States Government as a result of the criminal prosecution of Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera (commonly known as "El Chapo"), or of other felony convictions involving the transportation of controlled substances into the United States, for security measures along the Southern border, including the completion of a border wall.



1/3/2019	S7	Marco Rubio (R-FL)	A bill to provide family members of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others, or law enforcement, with new tools to prevent gun violence.
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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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