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Latest News

- The House and Senate were in session this week, with the House Judiciary Committee marking up the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, and the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on consumer data privacy. Additionally, the House Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on improving the federal response to emergencies. Both the House and Senate will not be in session next week, and will return on March 25.
- **FY 2020 President's Budget** - The President released his budget framework this week, with further details to be released on March 18. The budget once again proposes to move the COPS office to OJP. The budget would also move the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program to the Drug Enforcement Administration, and move Drug Free Communities program to HHS' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Clearly these are terrible proposals. It is important to remember, Congress ultimately has control of federal spending, and presidential budget submissions are considered a suggestion.  
**You can view a brief summary of the budget [here](#).** A further detailed analysis will be sent out next week after the release of the full budget details.
- **\*\*\*PLEASE REVIEW\*\*\* IACP/Thomson Reuters Excellence in Criminal Investigations Award** - The IACP/Thomson Reuters Excellence in Criminal Investigations Award recognizes exceptional innovation in managing and conducting criminal investigations, with the goal of sharing information to advance the art and science of criminal investigations. Eligible agencies, departments, police units, or task forces must engage or participate in criminal investigations. The nominated investigation must be currently ongoing, or have been completed in the 2018 calendar year. An investigation nominated for this award in a previous year is ineligible.
  - ⇒ Find the application and evaluation criteria [here](#).
  - ⇒ **Nomination deadline: May 17, 2019**
- **ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**  
**Kansas doctor given life sentence after patient's opioid overdose death**  
**The Washington Examiner | Daniel Jativa**  
A Wichita doctor was sentenced to life in prison Friday by federal courts after he was found guilty of illegally selling opioids that led to one of his patient's death. Steven R. Henson, 57, was convicted last year on multiple counts, including falsifying patient records and fulfilling prescription requests outside the regular regimen of care. The death of his patient Nick McGovern in 2015 was a result of intoxication of alprazolam and the opiate methadone — two deadly and highly addictive prescription drugs. The Justice Department issued a statement Friday confirming the sentence, saying that Henson had greatly contributed to



the ongoing opioid crisis through his reckless medical practices. **Continue reading [here](#).**

### **Arrests in domestic terror probes outpace those inspired by Islamic extremists**

#### **The Washington Post | Devlin Barrett**

Most people arrested as the result of FBI terrorism investigations are charged with non-terrorism offenses, and more domestic terror suspects were arrested last year than those allegedly inspired by international terror groups, according to internal FBI figures reviewed by The Washington Post. As government officials and activists debate the best way to pursue violent extremists, the figures show how much of counterterrorism work goes undeclared and unnoticed. Thousands are investigated each year. Hundreds are charged with crimes. But the public and the media see only dozens. **Continue reading [here](#).**

### **Congresswoman Seeks to Address 911 Dispatcher Recruitment & Training**

#### **Efficient Gov | EMSI**

U.S. Rep. Norma Torres, D-Ca., remembers the call that sent her down a path that would eventually lead to Washington. Torres, who worked as a 911 operator for 17 years with the Los Angeles Police Department, says it's a call she will never forget. While she was working the graveyard shift one night, a call came in that required a Spanish speaker. With so few bilingual operators available, the call was placed on hold for nearly 20 minutes before Torres was able to answer. "All I could hear was thumping and just terrible screams in my ears," Torres recalled. "It was a young girl, saying, 'Uncle, please don't kill me, it's not my fault.' The thumping was her head being bashed into the wall, followed by five shots. She was shot point-blank by her mother's boyfriend." **Continue reading [here](#).**

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## Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - March 11 @ 5:40 pm  
[Nomination of Ronald D. Vitiello](#) to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
**Status:** Approved by the Senate Homeland Security Committee on 3/11.

[Nomination of Joseph V. Cuffari, Ph.D.](#) to be Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**Status:** Approved by the Senate Homeland Security Committee on 3/11.

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing  
[GDPR & CCPA: Opt-ins, Consumer Control, and the Impact on Competition and Innovation](#)  
March 12 @ 10:00 am - 226 Dirksen

House Appropriations Committee - CJS Subcommittee Hearing  
[Oversight Hearing: DOJ Civil Rights Division](#)  
March 12 @ 10:00 am - H-309 Capitol

House Homeland Security Committee - Cybersecurity Subcommittee Hearing  
[Securing Our Nation's Chemical Facilities: Stakeholders Perspectives on Improving the CFATS Program](#)  
March 12 @ 10:00 am - 310 Cannon

House Appropriations Committee - Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing  
[Update on Recovery Efforts for 2017 and 2018 Disasters](#)  
March 12 @ 2:30 pm - 2008 Rayburn

House Judiciary Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - March 13 @ 10:00 am - 2141 Rayburn  
[H.R. 1585 - Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019](#)  
**Status:** Approved by the House Judiciary Committee on 3/13.  
**Summary:** Reauthorizes the Violence Against Women act



House Homeland Security Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - March 13 @ 10:00 am - 310 Cannon

**[H.R. 1232](#) - Rescinding DHS' Waiver Authority for Border Wall Act**

**Status:** Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/13.

**Summary:** To amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to repeal certain waiver authority relating to the construction of new border barriers, and for other purposes.

**[H.R. 1433](#) - Department of Homeland Security Morale, Recognition, Learning, and Engagement Act of 2019 (DHS MORALE Act)**

**Status:** Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/13.

**Summary:** To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve morale within the Department of Homeland Security workforce by conferring new responsibilities to the Chief Human Capital Officer, establishing an employee engagement steering committee, requiring action plans, and authorizing an annual employee award program, and for other purposes.

**[H.R. 1589](#) - CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2019**

**Status:** Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/13.

**Summary:** To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes.

**[H.R. 1590](#) - Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2019**

**Status:** Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/13.

**Summary:** To require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes.

**[H.R. 1593](#) - Coordinating and Leveraging Activities for School Security Act or the CLASS Act of 2019**

**Status:** Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/13.

**Summary:** To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, and for other purposes.

**[H.R. 1598](#) - U.S. Customs and Border Protection Rural and Remote Hiring and Retention Strategy Act of 2019**

**Status:** Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/13.

**Summary:** To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue a strategy to improve hiring and retention of U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel in rural or remote areas, and for other purposes.

**[H.R. 1639](#) - CBP Workload Staffing Model Act**

**Status:** Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/13.

**Summary:** To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) identification of staffing needs, and for other purposes.

House Appropriations Committee - CJS Subcommittee Hearing

[Gun Violence Prevention and Enforcement](#)

March 13 @ 10:30 am - H-309 Capitol

House Homeland Security Committee - Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee Hearing

[Improving the Federal Response: Perspectives on the State of Emergency Management](#)

March 13 @ 2:00 pm - 310 Cannon

House Appropriations Committee - Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing



[Securing Federal Networks and State Election Systems](#)

March 13 @ 2:00 pm - 2008 Rayburn

House Oversight & Reform Committee - Subcommittee on Civil Rights Hearing

[The Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act \(H.R. 1076\)](#)

March 13 @ 2:00 pm - 2154 Rayburn

House E&C Committee - Consumer Protection Subcommittee Hearing

[Enhancing Vehicle Technology to Prevent Drunk Driving](#)

March 14 @ 10:00 am - 2123 Rayburn

Upcoming scheduled hearings/markups:

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing (TENTATIVE)

Red Flag Laws

March 26 @ TBD

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## Legislation on the Floor This Week

**House:**

**[H.R. 1414](#) - FinCEN Improvement Act of 2019**

**Status:** Approved by the House on 3/11.

**Summary:** To amend the duties of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) to ensure FinCEN works with Tribal law enforcement agencies, protects against all forms of terrorism, and focuses on virtual currencies.

**[H.R. 758](#) - Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2019**

**Status:** Approved by the House on 3/11.

**Summary:** This bill limits a financial institution's liability for maintaining a customer account or a customer transaction in compliance with a written request by a federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement agency. A federal or state agency may not take an adverse supervisory action against a financial institution with respect to maintaining an account or a transaction consistent with such a request.

**[H.R. 736](#) - Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act**

**Status:** Approved by the House on 3/12.

**Summary:** To require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish and maintain an online portal accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place, and for other purposes.

**Senate:**

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

**[H.J.Res. 46](#) - Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.**

**Status:** Approved by the Senate on 3/14; Approved by the House on 2/26.

**Summary:** This joint resolution terminates the national emergency related to the U.S.-Mexico border, declared by the President on February 15, 2019.



## 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 Hearing - March 6

[Oversight of Customs and Border Protection's Response to the Smuggling of Persons at the Southern Border](#)

**Summary:** This hearing examined CBP's response to the smuggling of people at the southern border. CBP Commissioner McAleenan testified expressing his concerns with large groups crossing the border in rural remote locations, putting their lives and health in danger. McAleenan discussed the challenges of attending to the medical needs of these individuals at its short-term holding facilities.

House Homeland Security Committee - Full Committee Hearing - March 6

[The Way Forward on Border Security](#)

**Summary:** This hearing examined border security concerns on our southern border, with Chairman Thompson seeking to use the hearing to determine the true threats that exist at the border. Additionally, members of the committee expressed concerns with the psychological affects that separating children from their parents may have. Secretary Nielsen was also asked about the investigation into the deaths of two children, of which she stated that the investigation is currently in the hands of the medical examiner. She was also asked about the overall care and treatment of children in Border Patrol facilities, and the process for asylum seekers.

House Oversight & Reform Committee - Full Committee Hearing - March 7

[Trump Administration's Response to the Drug Crisis](#)

**Summary:** This hearing examined ONDCP's drug control strategy, whether that strategy is sufficient and working, and heard about what the HIDTA's are doing. Some members of the committee expressed concerns with the lack of detail in the most recent drug control strategy, as well as criticized its delayed release. Additionally, members asked the ONDCP Director what additional resources were added by declaring a health emergency with regards to the opioid epidemic. Some members of the committee expressed concerns with drugs coming over the southern border, and the need to do more to properly secure it.

House Judiciary Committee - Crime Subcommittee Hearing - March 7

[Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act](#)

**Summary:** This hearing examined reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act. Current authorization has expired. Witnesses testified that training for local police and first responders on how to interact with a victim is crucial, and that provisions in the legislation to support programs to provide that training is important. Additionally, the proposed legislation discussed would provide increased penalties for cyber stalking and address other online harassment. Some members of the committee also discussed concerns with a perpetrators access to firearms. There was also discussion on the extent the reauthorization should cover the LGBTQ community, Native Americans, and immigrants.

House Appropriations Committee - Labor HHS Subcommittee Hearing - March 7

[Addressing the Public Health Emergency of Gun Violence](#)

**Summary:** This hearing examined funding for gun violence prevention research. Since the mid-90s, the CDC has stopped research gun violence. Those pushing for this research believe that it can give insight into the perpetrators and the policies that may play a factor into gun violence. Some however disagreed that gun violence has been understudied, and that public health research can be poorly done. While Democrats on the committee expressed the desire to include funding for research into the next annual appropriations bill, Republicans argued that such research would be used to further politicize and divide members on the gun issue.



## Legislation Considered Last Week

### **House:**

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.

### **Senate:**

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.



**Legislation Introduced Last Week**

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
3/8/2019	<a href="#">HR 1655</a>	Tom Reed (R-NY-23)	To provide for enhanced penalties for certain offenses relating to controlled substances containing fentanyl, and for other purposes.
3/8/2019	<a href="#">HR 1653</a>	Lois Frankel (D-FL-21)	To ensure that the United States recognizes women's varied roles in all aspects of violent extremism and terrorism and promotes their meaningful participation as full partners in all efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism and terrorism, and for other purposes.
3/8/2019	<a href="#">HR 1646</a>	Ami Bera (D-CA-7)	To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes.
3/8/2019	<a href="#">HR 1645</a>	John Ratcliffe (R-TX-4)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for certain sentencing enhancements relating to illegal reentry offenses, and to clarify the manner in which sentences for such offenses are to be served, and for other purposes.
3/8/2019	<a href="#">HR 1639</a>	Clay Higgins (R-LA-3)	CBP Workload Staffing Model Act - To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) identification of staffing needs, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1614</a>	John Katko (R-NY-24)	To amend the Controlled Substances Act to establish additional registration requirements for prescribers of opioids, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1609</a>	Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-2)	To amend the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 to authorize certain polygraph waiver authority, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1598</a>	Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM-2)	U.S. Customs and Border Protection Rural and Remote Hiring and Retention Strategy Act of 2019 - To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue a strategy to improve hiring and retention of U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel in rural or remote areas, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1595</a>	Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-7)	To create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1594</a>	Don Payne, Jr (D-NJ-10)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1593</a>	Don Payne, Jr (D-NJ-10)	CLASS Act of 2019 - To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1590</a>	Michael Guest (R-MS-3)	Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2019 - To require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1589</a>	Mark Walker (R-NC-6)	CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2019 - To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes.





3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1588</a>	Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI-2)	To limit the application of Federal laws to the distribution and consumption of marihuana, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">HR 1585</a>	Karen Bass (D-CA-37)	To reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 732</a>	Brian Schatz (D-HI)	A bill to amend the PROTECT Act to expand the national AMBER Alert system to territories of the United States, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 731</a>	Martha McSally (R-AZ)	A bill to amend the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 to authorize certain polygraph waiver authority, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 730</a>	Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	A bill to prevent gun trafficking.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 724</a>	Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to establish additional registration requirements for prescribers of opioids, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 719</a>	Dick Durbin (D-IL)	A bill to reform the use of solitary confinement and other forms of restrictive housing in the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 710</a>	Pat Toomey (R-PA)	A bill to exempt firefighters and police officers from the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provisions under the Social Security Act.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 699</a>	Margaret Hassan (D-NH)	A bill to establish an interagency committee on the development of green alert systems that would be activated when a veteran goes missing, and for other purposes.
3/7/2019	<a href="#">S 697</a>	Cory Booker (D-NJ)	A bill to reform sentencing, prisons, re-entry of prisoners, and law enforcement practices, and for other purposes.
3/6/2019	<a href="#">HR 1574</a>	Jackie Speier (D-A-14)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to make it a criminal offense for individuals to engage in sexual acts while acting under color of law or with individuals in their custody, to encourage States to adopt similar laws, and for other purposes.
3/5/2019	<a href="#">HR 1542</a>	Chris Smith (R-NJ-4)	To require a report that identifies each person in the People's Republic of China and Chinese Government official involved in the production of fentanyl and its trafficking into the United States, and for other purposes.
3/5/2019	<a href="#">HR 1531</a>	Peter King (R-NY-2)	To increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of firearms or explosives licenses to a known or suspected dangerous terrorist.
3/5/2019	<a href="#">HR 1528</a>	David Joyce (R-OH-14)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the comprehensive opioid abuse grant program, and for other purposes.
3/5/2019	<a href="#">HR 1501</a>	Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-4)	To allow certain off-duty law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm to protect children in a school zone.
3/5/2019	<a href="#">HR 1494</a>	Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)	To strengthen partnerships between historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions and the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
3/5/2019	<a href="#">S 661</a>	Mazie Hirono (D-HI)	A bill to provide for enhanced protections for vulnerable alien children, and for other purposes.
3/5/2019	<a href="#">S 648</a>	Patty Murray (D-WA)	A bill to ensure the humane treatment of pregnant women by reinstating the presumption of release and prohibiting shackling, restraining, and other inhumane treatment of pregnant detainees, and for other purposes.





3/4/2019	<a href="#">HRes 170</a>	John Moolenaar (R-MI-4)	Supporting the men and women who carry out the essential mission of the U.S. Border Patrol, the Office of Field Operations, and Air and Marine Operations of the Department of Homeland Security.
3/4/2019	<a href="#">S 643</a>	Rand Paul (R-KY)	A bill to require all new legal permanent residents to pay an additional fee, which shall be used for improving immigration and enhancing the security of the United States border.



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**Upcoming Events/Conferences**

[4th Annual 21st Century Drug & Violence Prevention Training Conference and Marijuana Symposium](#)  
March 17-19—Atlantic City, NJ

[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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