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Latest News

- The House and Senate are not in session this week, and will return on April 29. When they return, multiple committees are expected to hold hearings related to the recently released Mueller report. Additionally, the House Appropriations Committee is expected to hold a hearing on the Department of Homeland Security.
- **Officer Safety & Wellness** - The Department of Justice recently released two reports that focus on the mental health and safety of the nation's federal, state, local and tribal police officers. You can read the two reports here: [Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act: Report to Congress and Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Programs: Eleven Case Studies](#)
- **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** - The Drug Enforcement Administration, along with its national, tribal and community partners will hold the 17th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day across the country on Saturday, April 27. Further information can be found [here](#).

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Drug czar James Carroll: Stop illicit drug use before it's too late

USA Today | James Carroll, Opinion contributor

As our country battles its greatest public health threat — the addiction crisis — we all have a role to play in making our nation a safer, healthier place. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that over 70,200 precious lives were lost due to a drug overdose in 2017. That was approximately 200 drug overdose deaths per day, and this crisis has left no corner of our country untouched. That's why President Donald Trump, in response to the opioid crisis, announced a national public health emergency, and put in place an initiative to stop opioid abuse and reduce drug supply and demand. The most effective way to support this initiative is to prevent drug abuse in the first place. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Tracking Phones, Google Is a Dragnet for the Police

The New York Times | Jennifer Valentino-DeVries

When detectives in a Phoenix suburb arrested a warehouse worker in a murder investigation last December, they credited a new technique with breaking open the case after other leads went cold. The police told the suspect, Jorge Molina, they had data tracking his phone to the site where a man was shot nine months earlier. They had made the discovery after obtaining a search warrant that required Google to provide information on all devices it recorded near the killing, potentially capturing the whereabouts of anyone in the area. **Continue reading [here](#).**



Dozens charged in major opioid bust across U.S.

CBS News | Brian Pascus

Dozens of people, including 53 medical professionals, have been charged for their alleged participation in the illegal prescription and distribution of opioids and other narcotics, Justice Department and Department of Health and Human Services officials said Wednesday. Federal law enforcement and health officials held a press conference in Cincinnati where they announced charges resulting from the Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid Strike Force takedown operation that began only four months ago. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Federal appeals court says tire-chalking by parking enforcement officers is unconstitutional

The Washington Post | Fred Barbash

The age-old parking enforcement practice of tire-chalking is unconstitutional, a federal appeals court ruled Monday, saying it violated the Fourth Amendment's bar on unreasonable searches. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, in a first-of-its-kind decision, ruled that marking a car's tires to gather information is a form of trespass requiring a warrant, similar to police attaching a GPS to a vehicle to track a suspected drug dealer. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

The House and Senate is not in session, and will return on April 29.

Upcoming scheduled hearings/markups:

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing
Oversight of the Department of Justice (Testimony from Attorney General William Barr)
May 1 @ TBD (Tentative)

House Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing
Oversight of the Department of Justice (Testimony from Attorney General William Barr)
May 2 @ TBD (Tentative)

Legislation on the Floor This Week

House:

The House is not in session, and will return on April 29.

Senate:

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

The Senate is not in session, and will return on April 29.

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 last week, and no hearings occurred. Both chambers will return on April 29.



House Appropriations Committee - CJS Subcommittee Hearing - April 9

[Department of Justice Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2020](#)

Summary: This hearing heard from AG Barr on DOJ's FY 2020 budget request. Most of the hearing focused on the imminent release of Robert Mueller's report on the investigation of Russian influence in the 2016 elections. AG Barr stated throughout the hearing that he would discuss the details of the report once the report was released.

Senate Homeland Security Committee - Full Committee Hearing - April 9

[Unprecedented Migration at the U.S. Southern Border: Perspectives from the Frontline](#)

Summary: This hearing heard from DHS officials who testified about the unprecedented number of migrants attempting to cross the southern border, which has strained the resources of the Border Patrol. Witnesses warned that criminal organizations have taken advantage of migrants who attempt to travel to the U.S., many of which are families and unaccompanied minors. Senators also expressed concerns with the leadership void at DHS with the recent resignations of top officials, and the continued void in other positions. Senators also called for the need of a mix of barrier system at the border, increased use of technology, increased border agents, and the implementation of mandatory e-verify system. While e-verify would help with the flow of individuals who are coming to the U.S. for work, witnesses testified that a large share of the individuals currently coming to the U.S. want to get caught because they are seeking to take advantage of our asylum laws.

House Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing - April 9

[Hate Crimes and the Rise of White Nationalism](#)

Summary: This hearing examined concerns with hate crimes and white nationalist groups. A large share of the hearing became a back-and-forth between Republicans and Democrats blaming the other side for fueling incidences of hate. Despite this, Members asked witnesses how to curb extremism online and on social media, without infringing on free speech.

House Homeland Security Committee - Transportation Subcommittee Hearing - April 9

[Securing America's Transportation and Maritime Systems: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Requests for the Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard](#)

Summary: This hearing examined the budget request for the Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard. Some members of the committee raised concerns with significant cuts to both agencies, given their important homeland security function. Administrator Pekoske stated that Congress's continued support for TSA to provide technological improvements will provide for significant improvements to our nation's airports safety but also improved the experience of air travelers. Members also asked about the progress of obtaining CT scanning machines. Administrator Pekoske stated that by the end of the fiscal year, 75 more machines should be in service, and by the end of FY 2020, an additional 225 should be in service, with an additional 320 machines in a 2020 contract.

House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee - Highways Subcommittee Hearing - April 9

[Every Life Counts: Improving the Safety of our Nation's Roadways](#)

Summary: This hearing examine ways to improve road safety, in particular the hearing focused extensively on roadway design. Members of the committee stated that we have failed to invest in significant research into road safety design, and have done a poor job at lowering traffic, pedestrian, and bike accidents. Witnesses also discussed innovative ideas that some states are implementing to address negative driving behaviors through cost effective roadway infrastructure countermeasures. Additionally, witnesses expressed the need for flexibility in any solution as each roadway is different. Also, robustly funding the Highway Trust Fund to ensure roadways are adequately kept in a good condition.

Senate Appropriations Committee - CJS Subcommittee Hearing - April 10

[Review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Justice](#)

Summary: This hearing heard from Attorney General Barr on the Department of Justice's FY 2020 proposed budget. The hearing questions focused extensively on the soon to be released Mueller report. AG Barr stated throughout the hearing that he would discuss the details of the report once the report was released.

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Nomination Hearing - April 10

[Jeffrey A. Rosen, to be United States Deputy Attorney General](#)



Summary: This nomination hearing heard from Jeff Rosen, who has been nominated by President Trump to become the next Deputy Attorney General. Rosen was asked about his previous experiences, and whether his lack of experience at DOJ and handling criminal investigations should be a cause of concern. Rosen defending his experience, and stated that he would rely upon seasoned federal prosecutors and his past legal experience in making decisions.

Legislation Considered Last Week

*The House and Senate were not in session last week, and no legislation was considered in either chamber. Both chambers will return on April 29.

House:

H.Con.Res. 16 - Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition

Status: Approved by the House on 4/8.

Summary: This concurrent resolution permits the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary to sponsor as free public events on the Capitol grounds the 38th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service, on May 15, 2019, to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2018; and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition, on May 14, 2019, to allow law enforcement representatives to exhibit their ability to demonstrate Honor Guard programs and provide for a bagpipe exhibition.

H.R. 639 - To amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees

Status: Approved by the House on 4/8.

Summary: This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include federal employees.

Senate:

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security community was considered.



Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
4/22/2019	HR 2348	Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL)	To require automatic sealing of certain criminal records, and for other purposes.
4/18/2019	HR 2347	Filemon Vela (D-TX-34)	Border and Refugee Assistance Act of 2019 - To expand in-country processing of family units and minors in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador to provide relief to the southern border and uphold access to humanitarian protection consistent with U.S. laws.
4/18/2019	HR 2338	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-AL)	To provide that an individual who uses marijuana in compliance with State law may not be denied occupancy of federally assisted housing, and for other purposes.
4/18/2019	HR 2335	Henry Cueller (D-TX-28)	To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure compensation for certain hours of work for border patrol agents, and for other purposes.
4/15/2019	HR 2329	Tim Ryan (D-OH-13)	To develop an immersive, real-life, scenario-based training curriculum for law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes.
4/12/2019	HR 2320	Chris Smith (R-NJ-4)	To direct the President to submit to Congress a report on fugitives currently residing in other countries whose extradition is sought by the United States and related matters.
4/12/2019	HR 2319	Tom Rice (R-SC-7)	To improve the national instant criminal background check system in order to search the National Data Exchange database when conducting criminal background checks.
4/12/2019	HR 2307	Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR-AL)	To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide authority to the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration to provide a cash award to Administration employees with foreign language skills, and for other purposes.
4/12/2019	HR 2303	Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13)	To establish a registration for violent gun offenders, to provide for sufficient notification of their whereabouts, to honor the memory of Gladys Ricart and other gun crime victims, and for other purposes.
4/12/2019	HRes 319	Tom Reed (R-NY-23)	Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of "National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month".
4/11/2019	S 1214	Ed Markey (D-MA)	A bill to establish and protect individual and collective privacy rights, and for other purposes.
4/11/2019	S 1208	Chuck Grasley (R-IA)	A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.
4/11/2019	S 1200	Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	A bill 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.
4/11/2019	S 1165	Rob Portman (R-OH)	A bill to clarify responsibilities related to unaccompanied alien children, to provide additional protections and tracking mechanisms for such children, and for other purposes.
4/11/2019	S 1160	Tina Smith (D-MN)	A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to increase support for mental health.
4/10/2019	HR 2281	Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36)	To direct the Attorney General to amend certain regulations so that practitioners may administer not more than 3 days' medication to a person at one time when administering narcotic drugs for the purpose of relieving acute withdrawal symptoms.



4/10/2019	HR 2251	Duncan Hunter (R-CA-50)	To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a member of the armed forces and the spouse of that member shall have the same rights regarding the receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station of the member.
4/10/2019	HR 2233	Danny Davis (D-IL-7)	To require that States release persons charged with a misdemeanor on non-monetary conditions only prior to court adjudication.
4/10/2019	HR 2232	Elijah Cummings (D-MD-7)	To amend the Second Chance Act of 2007 to require identification for returning citizens, and for other purposes.
4/10/2019	HR 2229	Steve Chabot (R-OH-1)	To waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.
4/10/2019	HR 2226	Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16)	To impose sanctions with respect to foreign traffickers of illicit opioids, and for other purposes.
4/10/2019	HR 2218	Jackie Walorski (R-IN-2)	To require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct research on and implement certain safety measures and programs to prevent illegal passing of school buses, and for other purposes.
4/10/2019	HR 2217	Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-23)	To reduce the ability of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to engage in inappropriate civil immigration enforcement actions that harm unaccompanied alien children and to ensure the safety and welfare of unaccompanied alien children.
4/10/2019	HR 2203	Veronica Escobar (D-TX-16)	To increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes.
4/10/2019	S 1135	Dan Sullivan (D-AK)	A bill to protect Federal, State, and local public safety officers.
4/9/2019	HR 2179	Conor Lamb (D-PA-17)	To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to enhance penalties for certain thefts of a firearm from certain Federal firearms licenses, and to criminalize the theft of a firearm from a gun range that rents firearms or a shooting club.
4/9/2019	HR 2168	Danny Davis (D-IL-7)	To reinstate Federal Pell Grant eligibility for individuals incarcerated in Federal and State penal institutions, and for other purposes.
4/9/2019	HR 2165	Chris Collins (R-NY-27)	To amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, to clarify acceptable 9-1-1 obligations or expenditures, and for other purposes.
4/9/2019	HR 2160	Don Payne (D-NJ-10)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize expenditures to combat emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks, and for other purposes.
4/9/2019	HR 2155	Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)	To provide for certain requirements with respect to the treatment of personally identifiable information by genetic testing services.
4/9/2019	HR 2149	Bryan Steil (R-WI-1)	To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to include financial criminal activities associated with the facilitation of severe forms of trafficking in persons within the factors considered as indicia of serious and sustained efforts to eliminate severe forms of trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.
4/9/2019	HRes 299	Tom Milinowski (D-NJ-7)	Condemning White Supremacist Terrorism and the Anti-immigrant Rhetoric that Inspires It Resolution



4/9/2019	S 1099	Tim Scott (R-SC)	A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures, and for other purposes.
4/9/2019	S 1080	Cory Booker (D-NJ)	A bill to amend the Second Chance Act of 2007 to require identification for returning citizens, and for other purposes.
4/9/2019	S 1077	Ben Cardin (D-MD)	A bill to establish a pilot program awarding competitive grants to organizations administering entrepreneurial development programming to formerly incarcerated individuals, and for other purposes.
4/9/2019	S 1074	Brian Schatz (D-HI)	A bill to reinstate Federal Pell Grant eligibility for individuals incarcerated in Federal and State penal institutions, and for other purposes.
4/8/2019	HR 2130	Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6)	To provide grants to assist States in developing and implementing plans to address cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities, and for other purposes.
4/8/2019	HR 2121	Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA-14)	To combat trafficking in human organs, and for other purposes.
4/8/2019	S 1065	Mark Warner (D-VA)	A bill to provide grants to assist States in developing and implementing plans to address cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities, and for other purposes.



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Upcoming Events/Conferences

[Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies 2019 Spring Conference](#)

May 5-8—Gulf Shores, AL

[MCCA/NEIA/PERF Summer Meeting](#)

May 28-11—Miami Beach, FL

[Major County Sheriffs of America 2019 Summer Conference](#)

June 12-14—Louisville, KY

April 2019

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Senate in Session

House & Senate in Session

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