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Latest News

- The House and Senate are in session this week. In the Senate, should they finish consideration of the FY 2017 Energy & Water Appropriations Act, they will most likely begin debate on the FY 2017 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill, which funds various public safety and law enforcement programs. The House is expected to consider H.R. 699, the Email Privacy Act on Wednesday, which would update certain aspect of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. Law enforcement groups have expressed intense opposition to this bill because it places greater protections for digital evidence as opposed to physical evidence. Additionally, it does not address service provider responsiveness concerns.
- The House Energy & Commerce Committee will mark-up a handful of bills that seeks to address various aspects of the opioid epidemic, including treatment issues and opioid prescribing practices. Additionally, they will consider several communications bills affecting law enforcement.
- **White House Data Initiative** - On April 21, the White House announced that 53 police departments have committed to an initiative designed to make local policing more transparent. This initiative seeks to include leading law enforcement agencies, technologists, and researchers committed to improving the relationship between citizens and police through uses of data that increase transparency, build community trust, and strengthen accountability. You can view the fact sheet [here](#).

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Dems in the driver's seat on criminal justice reform bill

Washington Examiner | Joel Gehrke

Senate Democrats are demanding that Republicans abandon their hope of using a criminal justice reform bill to expand mens rea, a legal doctrine that prevents defendants from being charged with crimes they didn't know they were committing, and their opposition may end up shifting the bill even though Republicans control both the House and Senate. Democrats have charged that Republicans are pushing for the language to make it harder to bring charges against companies, and say they're missing the point of the bill. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Obama calls for Congress to pass criminal justice reform

The Hill | Harper Neidig

President Obama made a pitch to fix the criminal justice system in his weekly address Saturday, calling on Congress to pass a bipartisan reform bill. "Good people from both sides of the aisle and across all sectors are coming together on this issue," he said. "From businesses that are changing their hiring practices, to law enforcement that's improving community policing, we're seeing change. Now we need a Congress that's willing to send a bipartisan criminal justice reform bill to my desk. This isn't just about what makes economic and practical sense. It's about making sure that we live up to our ideals as a nation."

Continue reading [here](#).

TBI offers behind the scenes look on media day**WBRC Fox 6 | Cody Engdahl**

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation hosted members of the media for a rare look behind the scenes on Friday. The TBI has been around since 1950 to assist local law enforcement and initiate investigations themselves. They have seven locations, including one in Nashville. One challenge to statewide law enforcement is sharing information quickly. "We became a fusion center in 2007, and inside of the fusion center, we brought in a lot of state and federal agencies," said Jerri Siegrist with TBI. **Continue reading [here](#).**

How States Can Improve Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing With the Feds**Route Fifty | Dave Nyczepir**

State agencies must consistently improve interoperability with each other and the federal government to secure against cyber threats. Intelligence sharing is critical to that defense. For instance, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency wants to enhance its already good working relationship with the FBI and U.S. Department of Homeland Security to speed up information sharing. In 2005, Virginia consolidated its network infrastructure under VITA to better monitor statewide threats and protect constituent services provided by various departments from Transportation to Motor Vehicles to Social Services. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

Senate Homeland Security Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Terror in Europe: Implications of ISIS's Western External Operations](#)

April 26 @ 10:00 am - 342 Dirksen

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[The Need for More Timeliness and Transparency: Oversight of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits \(PSOB\) Program](#)

April 26 @ 10:00 am - 226 Dirksen

House Energy & Commerce - Full Committee Markup - April 26 @ 5:00 pm 2123 Rayburn

[H.R. 4889](#) - Kelsey Smith Act

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26; Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require providers of a covered service to provide call location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user of such service to an investigative or law enforcement officer in an emergency situation involving risk of death or serious physical injury or in order to respond to the user's call for emergency services.

[H.R. 4167](#) - Kari's Law Act of 2015

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26; Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require multi-line telephone systems to have a default configuration that allows users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 (without dialing any additional digit, code, prefix, or post-fix, including any trunk-access code such as the digit "9") from any station equipped with dialing facilities. Businesses installing such systems must configure the systems to provide a notification to a central location at the facility where the system is installed when a person at the facility initiates a call to 9-1-1 using the system, provided that the system is able to be so configured without an improvement to the hardware.

[H.R. 4190](#) - Spectrum Challenge Prize Act of 2015

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26; Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: his bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to conduct

prize competitions to accelerate the development and commercialization of technology that improves spectrum efficiency and is capable of cost-effective deployment. Not more than \$5 million, in the aggregate, may be awarded to prize competition winners. The Federal Communications Commission must publish a technical paper providing criteria that may be used for the design of such competitions.

H.R. 3998 - Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26; Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to commence proceedings on the provision of roaming agreements between mobile service providers to: (1) allow for mobile service at reasonable rates during emergencies when there is a mobile service outage lasting longer than 24 hours, and (2) provide for roaming agreements at no charge for communications during emergencies to or from 911 services. The types of emergencies subject to this Act are: (1) occasions or instances under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for which the President determines that federal assistance is needed to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United; or (2) an emergency declared by the governor of a state or U.S. territory.

H.R. 2031 - Anti-Swatting Act of 2015

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26; Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: Amends 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 a response by a law enforcement agency. Directs the court to order a defendant who has been convicted of such an offense to reimburse any law enforcement agencies or any government agencies or private not-for-profit organizations that provide fire, rescue, or emergency medical services for expenses incurred in responding to such conduct. Treats such an order of reimbursement as a civil judgment.

H.R. 4641 - To provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26

Summary: Provides for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication.

H.R. 3680 - Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26; Approved by the House E&C Health Subcommittee on 4/20.

Summary: To provide for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a grant program for co-prescribing opioid overdose reversal drugs.

H.R. 4981 - Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26

Summary - To amend the Controlled Substances Act to improve access to opioid use disorder treatment.

H.R. 3250 - DXM Abuse Prevention Act of 2015

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26; Approved by the House E&C Health Subcommittee on 4/20.

Summary: This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the sale of a drug containing dextromethorphan (DXM) to an individual under age 18 unless the individual has a prescription or is actively enrolled in the military. Civil monetary penalties that escalate upon repeated violation are imposed. To possess or receive unfinished DXM, a person must be registered with the Department of Health and Human Services as a producer of a drug or medical device or otherwise allowed to engage in the practice of pharmacy, pharmaceutical production, or manufacture or distribution of drug ingredients. Unfinished DXM

may be distributed only to these authorized persons. Common carriers distributing unfinished DXM between authorized persons are exempted. Civil monetary penalties are imposed for possession and distribution violations.

[H.R. 4969](#) - John Thomas Decker Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26

Summary: To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide for informational materials to educate and prevent addiction in teenagers and adolescents who are injured playing youth sports and subsequently prescribed an opioid.

[H.R. 4586](#) - Lali's Law

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26

Summary: To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to States for developing standing orders and educating health care professionals regarding the dispensing of opioid overdose reversal medication without person-specific prescriptions, and for other purposes.

[H.R. 4599](#) - Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26

Summary: To amend the Controlled Substances Act to permit certain partial fillings of prescriptions.

[H.R. 4976](#) - Opioid Review Modernization Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26

Summary: Requires the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to seek recommendations from an advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration before approval of certain new drugs that are opioids without abuse-deterrent properties.

[H.R. 4982](#) - Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the House E&C Committee on 4/26

Summary: Directs the Comptroller General of the United States to evaluate and report on the in-patient and outpatient treatment capacity, availability, and needs of the United States.

House Homeland Security Committee - Counterterrorism Subcommittee Hearing

[ISIS in the Pacific: Assessing Terrorism in Southeast Asia and the Threat to the Homeland](#)

April 27 @ 10:00 am - 311 Cannon

House Oversight Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Examining Management Practices and Misconduct at TSA: Part I.](#)

April 27 @ 10:00 am - 2154 Rayburn

House Judiciary Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - April 27 @ 10:00 am - 2141 Rayburn

[H.R. XXXX](#) - Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/27

Summary: To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to assist State and local governments in addressing the national epidemic of opioid abuse, and for other purposes.

[H.R. XXXX](#) - Opioid Program Evaluation Act

Status: To be marked-up by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/27

Summary: To direct the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to evaluate the effectiveness of grant programs that provide grants for the primary purpose of providing assistance in addressing problems pertaining to opioid abuse, and for other purposes.

[H.R. 2137](#) - Federal Law Enforcement Self-Defense and Protection Act of 2015

Status: To be marked-up by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/27

Summary: Grants covered federal law enforcement officers the same rights to carry a government-issued firearm during a covered furlough as they had before such furlough was in effect.

[H.R. XXXX](#) - To require a study by the Comptroller General of the United States on Good Samaritan laws that pertain to treatment of opioid overdoses, and for other purposes

Status: To be marked-up by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/27

Summary: To require a study by the Comptroller General of the United States on Good Samaritan laws that pertain to treatment of opioid overdoses, and for other purposes.

[H.R. 3394](#) - Clarifying Amendment to Provide Terrorism Victims Equity (CAPTIVE) Act

Status: To be marked-up by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/27

Summary: Amends the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 to subject the blocked assets of a terrorist party to execution or attachment in aid of execution in order to satisfy a judgment based upon an act of terrorism, regardless of whether the terrorist party ceases to be a terrorist party after judgment is entered. Redefines a blocked asset to include any asset seized or frozen by the United States under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act.

Senate Judiciary Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - April 28 @ 10:00 am - 226 Dirksen

[S. 247](#) - Expatriate Terrorist Act

Status: To be marked up by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/28

Summary: Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to include as grounds for losing U.S. nationality by a native-born or naturalized citizen taking an oath or making a declaration of allegiance to a foreign terrorist organization after becoming 18 years old. The bill would bar the secretary of state from issuing a passport to anyone attempting to become a member of a terrorist group.

[S. 2348](#) - Rapid DNA Act of 2015

Status: To be marked-up by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/28

Summary: To implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and for other purposes.

[S. 2577](#) - Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/28

Summary: To protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

House Oversight Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Criminal Aliens Released by the Department of Homeland Security](#)

April 28 @ 9:30 am - 2154 Rayburn

House Homeland Security Committee - Oversight Subcommittee Hearing

[Transferring Guantanamo Bay Detainees to the Homeland: Implications for States and Local Communities](#)

April 28 @ 10:00 am - 311 Cannon

House Homeland Security Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - April 28 @ 2:00 pm - 311 Cannon

[H.R. 1887](#) - to amend certain appropriation Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York

Status: To be marked-up by the House Homeland Security Committee on 4/28

Summary: This bill amends the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 to repeal provisions providing for the sale of federal property and assets supporting the Department of Homeland Security's Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York.

H.R. 4743 - National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the House Homeland Security Committee on 4/28

Summary: This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium to engage academic, nonprofit, private industry, and federal, state, and local government partners to address cybersecurity risks and incidents, including threats or acts of terrorism. The consortium may: provide training to state and local first responders and officials, develop curriculums, and provide technical assistance; conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training and simulation exercises, including for state and local governments, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and private industry; coordinate with DHS's national cybersecurity and communications integration center to help states and communities develop cybersecurity information sharing programs; and assist in the incorporation of cybersecurity risk and incident prevention and response into existing state and local emergency plans.

H.R. XXXX - Airport Perimeter and Access Control Security Act of 2016

Status: To be marked-up by the House Homeland Security Committee on 4/28

Summary: Bill has not yet been introduced

Legislation on the Floor This Week

House:

H.R. 4820 - Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016

Status: To be considered in the House on 4/26; Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/23

Summary: Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former or estranged violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment.

H.R. 4698 - Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports Through Enhanced Security Act of 2016

Status: To be considered in the House on 4/26; Approved by the House Homeland Security Committee on 3/23

Summary: This bill directs the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a comprehensive security risk assessment of all last point of departure airports with nonstop flights to the United States. The TSA shall submit to Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) a plan: to enhance collaboration, coordination, and information-sharing about international-inbound aviation between the United States and domestic and foreign partners in order to enhance security capabilities at foreign airports; and that assesses TSA ability to enter into a mutual agreement with a foreign government entity to permit TSA representatives to conduct inspections of foreign airports without prior notice.

H.R. 3583 - PREPARE Act

Status: To be considered in the House on 4/26

Summary: To reform and improve the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Emergency Communications, and the Office of Health Affairs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4240 - No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act

Status: To be considered in the House on 4/27; Approved by the House Judiciary Committee on 1/12

Summary: To require an independent review of the operation and administration of the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and subsets of the TSDB, and for other purposes.

H.R. 699 - Email Privacy Act

Status: To be considered in the House on 4/27; Approved by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/13

Summary: Amends the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 to prohibit a provider of remote computing service or electronic communication service to the public from knowingly divulging to a governmental entity the contents of any communication that is in electronic storage or otherwise maintained by the provider, subject to exceptions. Revises provisions under which the government may require a provider to disclose the contents of such communications. Eliminates the different requirements applicable under current law depending on whether such communications were: (1) stored for fewer than, or more than, 180 days by an electronic communication service; or (2) held by an electronic communication service as opposed to a remote computing service. Requires the government to obtain a warrant from a court before requiring providers to disclose the content of such communications regardless of how long the communication has been held in electronic storage by an electronic communication service or whether the information is sought from an electronic communication service or a remote computing service.

Senate:**S. 2837 - Fiscal 2017 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act**

Status: Possible begin consideration in the Senate this week; Approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on 4/21

Summary: See overview [here](#).

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.

House Energy & Commerce Committee - [Communications Subcommittee Markup](#) - April 18

H.R. 4889 - Kelsey Smith Act

Status: Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require providers of a covered service to provide call location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user of such service to an investigative or law enforcement officer in an emergency situation involving risk of death or serious physical injury or in order to respond to the user's call for emergency services.

H.R. 4167 - Kari's Law Act of 2015

Status: Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require multi-line telephone systems to have a default configuration that allows users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 (without dialing any additional digit, code, prefix, or post-fix, including any trunk-access code such as the digit "9") from any station equipped with dialing facilities. Businesses installing such systems must configure the systems to provide a notification to a central location at the facility where the system is installed when a person at the facility initiates a call to 9-1-1 using the system, provided that the system is able to be so configured without an improvement to the hardware.

H.R. 4884 - Controlling the Unchecked and Reckless Ballooning of Lifeline Act of 2016

Status: Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: This bill prohibits the total amount of annual support that may be provided through the Lifeline program of the Federal Communications Commission from exceeding \$1.5 billion. Support provided through the Lifeline program may not be applied to: (1) any amount charged to a consumer for the sale, lease, or other provision of a mobile telephone or similar device; or (2) mobile service if the service offering is limited to voice communications service.

H.R. 4190 - Spectrum Challenge Prize Act of 2015

Status: Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: his bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to conduct prize competitions to accelerate the development and commercialization of technology that improves spectrum efficiency and is capable of cost-effective deployment. Not more than \$5 million, in the aggregate, may be awarded to prize competition winners. The Federal Communications Commission must publish a technical paper providing criteria that may be used for the design of such competitions.

H.R. 3998 - Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act

Status: Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to commence proceedings on the provision of roaming agreements between mobile service providers to: (1) allow for mobile service at reasonable rates during emergencies when there is a mobile service outage lasting longer than 24 hours, and (2) provide for roaming agreements at no charge for communications during emergencies to or from 911 services. The types of emergencies subject to this Act are: (1) occasions or instances under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for which the President determines that federal assistance is needed to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States; or (2) an emergency declared by the governor of a state or U.S. territory.

H.R. 2031 - Anti-Swatting Act of 2015

Status: Approved by the House E&C Communications Subcommittee on 4/18

Summary: Amends 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 a response by a law enforcement agency. Directs the court to order a defendant who has been convicted of such an offense to reimburse any law enforcement agencies or any government agencies or private not-for-profit organizations that provide fire, rescue, or emergency medical services for expenses incurred in responding to such conduct. Treats such an order of reimbursement as a civil judgment.

House Energy & Commerce Committee - Oversight Subcommittee Hearing - April 19

[Deciphering the Debate Over Encryption: Industry and Law Enforcement Perspectives](#)

Summary: This hearing heard from two panels, the first consisting of federal, state, and local law enforcement officials, and the second consisting of technology representatives and encryption experts. Members were very interested in hearing about the challenges that law enforcement face when confronting an encrypted device during an investigation, and their thoughts on ways to solve the problem. While discussing the importance of encrypting devices to protect personal information, most Members felt that both sides need to come together to find a solution to ensuring law enforcement can obtain information from a device pursuant to a lawful order.

House Judiciary Committee - Immigration Subcommittee Hearing - April 19

[The Real Victims of a Reckless and Lawless Immigration Policy: Families and Survivors Speak Out on the Real Cost of This Administration's Policies](#)

Summary: This hearing focused on the victims of those who have suffered at the hands of individual's who were in the U.S. illegally. Concerns have been raised over reports of criminal aliens being released, despite having a violent record. Additionally, issues surrounding when an ICE detainer should be issued and whether they are or are not honored was also discussed.

House Homeland Security Committee - Border Subcommittee Hearing - April 19

[Keeping Pace with Trade, Travel, And Security: How Does CBP Prioritize and Improve Staffing and Infrastructure?](#)

Summary: This hearing examined how CBP is going to meet its internal staffing requirements, as well as how they will prioritize investment in ports of entry. Concerns have been raised that CBP is seriously understaffed, and the hiring of new officers is barely keeping up with attrition rates. Additionally, CBP will soon release a 5 year plan detailing their prioritize to improve the infrastructure on ports of entry. Concerns have been expressed that infrastructure improvements have been underfunded, however, Members expressed hope that with this plan, they will have a better understanding as to what is needed in order to achieve desirable outcomes.

Senate Homeland Security Committee - Full Committee Roundtable - April 19

[Preventing Drug Trafficking Through International Mail](#)

Summary: This roundtable examined the problem of synthetic drugs entering our country through international mail, and steps that can be taken to strengthen customs screening procedures. Senators discussed the growing problems of synthetic drugs, and international shipping and screening process and how drug traffickers are using the mail to sneak in illegal narcotics. Additionally, they examined how we exchange advance electronic data with other countries in order to make the screening of inbound international mail more effective. Concerns were also raised over the USPS's continued financial struggles, and how that may affect their abilities to adequately screen for illegal narcotics.

House Homeland Security Committee - Transportation Security Subcommittee Hearing - April 19

[Pipelines: Securing the Veins of the American Economy](#)

Summary: This hearing looked at how TSA has worked with the relevant pipeline stakeholders to secure the oil and natural gas pipeline infrastructure. The threat to pipeline security has been deemed relatively low, and TSA has taken a more collaborative approach with industry to ensure its security.

Senate Appropriations Committee - [CJS Subcommittee Markup](#) - April 19

S. 2837 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2017

Status: Approved by the Subcommittee on 4/19

Summary: See overview [here](#).

House Judiciary Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - April 20

S. 125 - Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015

Status: Approved by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/20; Approved by the Senate on 5/6/15

Summary: Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend through FY2020 the authorization of appropriations for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. Allows preferential consideration in Program grant awards to jurisdictions that provide armor vests to law enforcement officers that are uniquely fitted for such officers, including individual female officers.

H.R. 3380 - Transnational Drug Trafficking Act of 2015

Status: Approved by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/20

Summary: Amends the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to prohibit the manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance in schedule I or II, flunitrazepam, or a listed chemical by individuals having reasonable cause to believe that such substance or chemical will be unlawfully imported into the United States or into waters within 12 miles of the U.S. coast. Prohibits the manufacture or distribution of a listed chemical: (1) intending or knowing that it will be used to manufacture a controlled substance; and (2) intending, knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe that the substance will be unlawfully imported into the United States. Amends the federal criminal code to revise the prohibition against, and penalties for, intentionally trafficking in a counterfeit drug to apply to intentionally trafficking in a drug and knowingly using a counterfeit mark on or in connection with such drug.

H.R. 4985 - To amend the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

Status: Approved by the House Judiciary Committee on 4/20

Summary: Amends the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act to protect classified information in Federal court challenges.

Senate Appropriations Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - April 21

S. 2844 - Fiscal 2017 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act

Status: Approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on 4/21

S. 2837 - Fiscal 2017 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Status: Approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on 4/21

Summary: See overview [here](#).

Senate Homeland Security Committee - Field Hearing - April 22

[Examining the Impact of the Opioid Epidemic](#)

Summary: This field hearing taking place in Ohio, looked at the impact of the opioid epidemic in Ohio. Senators heard from government officials who are confronting the problems associated with drug abuse, as well as professionals who are experts in treating addiction, and helping to turn the lives around of those who are addicts.

Legislation Considered Last Week

House:

[S. 1638](#) - Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015

Status: Approved by the House on 4/18; Approved by the Senate on 4/6; Approved by Senate Homeland Security Committee on 3/14.

Summary: Directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in coordination with the General Services Administration (GSA), to submit information on the implementation of the enhanced plan for the DHS headquarters consolidation project within the National Capital Region, approved by the Office of Management and Budget and included in the budget of the President for FY2016.

Senate:

[S. 2755](#) - Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2016

Status: Approved by the Senate on 4/19

Summary: To provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty.

Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
4/21/2016	HR 5035	Paul Gosar	To reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
4/21/2016	HR 5034	Randy Forbes	To nullify any generalized, routine or ongoing reporting requirement imposed on a person licensed under section 923 of title 18, United States Code, that is based on the geographic location in which the licensee is located or on the sale of multiple rifles or shotguns, or any specific type of rifle or shotgun, to the same person.
4/21/2016	HR 5031	Carlos Curbelo	To enhance Federal response and preparedness with respect to Zika virus.
4/21/2016	HR 5026	Dennis Ross	To direct the President to develop and submit to Congress a comprehensive strategy to combat cybercrime, and for other purposes.
4/21/2016	HR 5020	Hakeem Jeffries	To require the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to submit to Congress a report on the effects on public health of the increased rate of use of synthetic drugs.
4/21/2016	S 2840	John Cornyn	A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds for active shooter training, and for other purposes.
4/20/2016	HR 5014	Mark Pocan	To protect the legal production, purchase, and possession of marijuana by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.
4/20/2016	HR 5012	Ruben Gallego	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit the grounds of deportability for certain alien members of the United States Armed Forces, and for other purposes.
4/18/2016	HR 4985	John Katko	To amend the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act to protect classified information in Federal court challenges.
4/18/2016	HR 4983	Morgan Griffith	To provide information to prescribers in Federally qualified health centers and facilities of the Indian Health Service on best practices for prescribing naloxone.
4/18/2016	HR 4981	Larry Bucshon	To amend the Controlled Substances Act to improve access to opioid use disorder treatment.
4/18/2016	HR 4980	Tom Emmer	To require the National Instant Criminal Background Check System to make a final disposition of requests to correct its records within 60 days, and for other purposes.