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## Weekly Update

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### Latest News

- The House and Senate are in session this week, with leadership elections being held for both parties in the Senate, and Republicans in the House. House Democrats have delayed their leadership elections until November 30. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) was reelected to be Senate Republican Leader, and Chuck Schumer (D-NY) was elected to become the new Democratic Leader. House Republicans on Tuesday reelected their party leaders, including unanimously supporting House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI). It is important to note that the official election for Speaker will be held on the House floor at the start of the new Congress on January 3.
- Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) will be leaving the Ranking Member position on the Senate Judiciary Committee to take over as Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee, and Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) will take over as Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) will be taking over as Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) is likely to retain his Chairmanship of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) is likely to retain his Chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs.
- **Appropriations Outlook** - House Republicans agreed on Thursday to move forward with a Continuing Resolution that would last through March, leaving fiscal year 2017 funding decisions for the new Congress and Trump Administration. Expect to see some pushback in the Senate. Additionally, this could complicate the fiscal year 2018 budget process next year. The House and Senate will take up the Continuing Resolution when they return after Thanksgiving.
- **Congressional Outlook** - In the House, there is the potential for some of the non-controversial criminal justice bills, including the Rapid DNA Act, and the Justice For All Act, to be considered before the end of the year. Discussions between House leaders are ongoing. It is safe to say that sentencing reform legislation will not be considered this year. The House Judiciary Committee is also eyeing a markup of the Adam Walsh reauthorization bill the first week of December, as well as potentially a couple other child protection bills.
- **Trump Transition** - The new Trump Administration is starting to take shape, with the first hires being named. Current RNC Chairman Reince Priebus has been named White House Chief of Staff, and Steve Bannon, the Trump Campaign's Chief Executive, has been named White House Chief Strategist and Senior Counselor.

### Rumors Around Town (sourced from Politico and other places):

**Homeland Security secretary** - House Homeland Security Chairman Mike McCaul has said he's interested in becoming Homeland Security Secretary. "I've expressed my interest,

and I think the process is taking place,” McCaul told POLITICO recently. Another potential pick: Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.), the chairman of the Homeland Security Committee’s transportation security panel. A long-shot candidate: David Clarke, the conservative Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wis. Clarke has cultivated a devoted following on the right, and he spoke at the Republican National Convention in Ohio, declaring, “Blue lives matter.” Chris Christie is also seen as a possible DHS secretary.

**Attorney general** - Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a Trump immigration adviser, is a rumored candidate for the job. Sessions is also seen as a contender for AG. Other possibilities: Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), a lawyer and current Congressman from South Carolina; Senator Ted Cruz (R-T.X.), Henry McMaster, current Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, and Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, though the controversy over Trump’s donation to Bondi could undercut her nomination.

**Director of the Office of Management and Budget** - Eric Ueland, a veteran Republican Capitol Hill aide and top staffer on the Senate Budget Committee who is working on Trump’s transition team, is seen as a possible candidate to lead the OMB. Former Oklahoma Sen. Tom Coburn is also seen as a potential OMB chief.

- **“Smart Gun Technology” NIJ Baseline Specifications for Law Enforcement Service Pistols with Security Technology** - The National Institute of Justice announced on November 15, the publication of Baseline Specifications for Law Enforcement Service Pistols with Security Technology, which defines baseline specifications for law enforcement service pistols with additional technology to enhance the security of the firearms. You can view the report [here](#).

- **ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

**Civilizations Die from Suicide – Why we Must Continue the Fight Against Drugs Criminal Enforcement Magazine | Jeffrey Stamm**

We are in grave danger of losing the debate against illegal drugs – dope – and, in the process, our very society. Not because of the inherent correctness of the arguments and opinions of those who advocate drug legalization or decriminalization, but due to the near-complete lack of an informed and engaged citizenry pushing back against the demagogues, apologists and appeasers who peddle, with increasing success, only dangerous myths and false metaphors. Their reckless and illegitimate accusations that the current drug control paradigm has not only “failed” but is patently “racist” and oppressive” have served to bully and confuse a sleepwalking population too timid and self-absorbed to argue. **Continue reading [here](#).**

**Lynch urges Trump to press on with criminal justice reform Politico | Josh Gerstein**

Attorney General Loretta Lynch is urging President-elect Donald Trump to keep up the Obama administration's drive to increase the fairness of the justice system in dealing with minorities and the poor. With Trump's election fanning concerns about hate crimes and a potential rollback in civil rights protections, Lynch argued in a speech Tuesday that Trump's team should maintain the Justice Department's focus on combating bail and fine policies that have turned the poor into a source of cash for some communities. **Continue reading [here](#).**

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## Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

House Oversight Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Oversight of the Secret Service](#)

November 15 @ 10:30 am - 2154 Rayburn

House Judiciary Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - November 16 @ 10:00 am

**[H.R. 5422](#) - To ensure funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and for other purposes**

**Status:** To be marked-up by the House Judiciary Committee on 11/16

**Summary:** This bill amends the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 to eliminate the provision that specifies that Department of Health and Human Services national human trafficking hotline grants be funded by amounts made available to the Department of Justice for trafficking victim services grants.

House Energy & Commerce Committee - Commerce Subcommittee Hearing

[Understanding the Role of Connected Devices in Recent Cyber Attacks](#)

November 16 @ 10:00 am - 2322 Rayburn

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## Legislation on the Floor This Week

### House:

#### [H.R. 4365](#) - Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016

**Status:** To be considered in the House on 11/14

**Summary:** This legislation would allow emergency medical services personnel to be explicitly authorized to administer seizure medications, narcotic painkillers and other controlled substances. The bill would allow a medical director, physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse to authorize EMS personnel to dispense substances. Authorizations could include "standing orders" with written criteria for administering the substance or verbal orders for a specific patient or mass casualty incident. Schedule I drugs such as heroin, ecstasy and marijuana would be excluded.

#### [H.R. 2669](#) - Anti-Spoofing Act of 2016

**Status:** To be considered in the House on 11/14

**Summary:** The prohibition on providing misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, also called "spoofing," would be expanded to bar the practice in connection with text messages and calls from outside the U.S. Within 18 months of the bill's enactment, the Federal Communications Commission would have to issue regulations to implement and enforce the prohibition, which would take effect six months later. The bill wouldn't affect other FCC consumer protection rules related to marketing phone calls or unsolicited e-mail.

### Senate:

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.



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