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Latest News

- The House and Senate are in session this week, with the Senate continuing work on various cabinet secretary confirmations. Speaker Ryan has invited President Trump to address a Joint Session of Congress on February 28. It is anticipated that greater clarity on the new administration's priorities and details on the fiscal year 2018 budget could be released.
- **ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**
What the national drug crisis requires
The Washington Times | Robert Charles
 Extraordinary times we live in — not least because supposedly responsible people are promoting drug abuse, which everyone knows cascades into addiction, drug-crime, overdoses — that are killing us. So what gives? No one wants to stand up and take responsibility for saying — stop this madness, and fix the crisis. America's greatness depends on a lot of things — and stopping the rolling, expansive, destructive drug crisis is one. Last year, America lost 52,000 young people — every race and creed — to drug overdoses. That has never happened before. That figure also misses those who died because of drugged driving, workplace accidents, urban violence, domestic abuse, property and personal crime. These numbers are breathtaking, heart-rending. The next attorney general — and the next head of the Drug Enforcement Administration — have to address this crisis head-on. We have no more time. **Continue reading [here](#).**

Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

House Homeland Security Committee - Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee Hearing
[The Future of FEMA: Stakeholder Recommendations for the Next Administrator](#)
 February 14 @ 10:00 am - 210 CVC

House Education Committee - Early Childhood Subcommittee Hearing
[Providing Vulnerable Youth the Hope of a Brighter Future Through Juvenile Justice Reform](#)
 February 15 @ 10:00 am - 2175 Rayburn

Senate Appropriations Committee - Labor HHS Subcommittee Hearing
[Mental Health Care: Examining Treatments and Services](#)
 February 15 @ 10:30 am - 138 Dirksen

House Homeland Security Committee - Border Subcommittee Hearing
[A Dangerous and Sophisticated Adversary: The Threat to the Homeland Posed by Cartel Operations](#)
 February 16 @ 10:00 am - 210 CVC

Senate Commerce Committee - Aviation Operations Subcommittee Hearing
[Stakeholder Perspectives on Improving TSA for the Security of the Traveling Public](#)
February 16 @ 10:30 am - 253 Russell

House Homeland Security Committee - Oversight Subcommittee
[Watchdog Recommendations: A Better Way Ahead to Manage the Department of Homeland Security](#)
February 16 @ 2:00 pm - 210 CVC

Legislation on the Floor This Week

House:

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security community.

Senate:

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security community.

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 Homeland Security Committee - Full Committee Hearing - February 7

[Ending the Crisis: America's Borders and the Path to Security](#)

Summary: This hearing examined the security of our nation's southern border, and heard from DHS Secretary Kelly on the Trump Administration's controversial refugee and immigration executive order. Secretary Kelly accepted responsibility for the confusion over the rollout of the immigration executive order. Kelly also stated that DHS will work closely with local officials on the construction and logistics of the proposed border wall. Testimony from local officials agreed with Secretary Kelly that a one-size-fits-all approach isn't necessarily the best approach to the border, and that it may be a combination of a wall, increased patrols and greater deployment of technology might be needed.

Senate Judiciary Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - February 9 @ 10:00 am - 226 Dirksen

S. 178 - Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Status: Approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 2/9

Summary: A bill to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

Legislation Considered Last Week

House:

H.R. 387 - Email Privacy Act

Status: Approved by the House on 2/6.

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:

[Nomination of Jeff Sessions to be Attorney General](#)

Status: Approved by the Senate on 2/8.

Executive Orders

President Trump issued three Executive Orders last week targeting criminal activity. One would create a task force to reduce crime, another targets officer safety, and the third goes after transnational criminal organizations. As the implementation of these and other executive orders materialize, we will keep you posted.

Crime Task Force - The first order would create a Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety. The task force would be tasked to develop strategies to reduce crime, including, in particular, illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and violent crime; identify deficiencies in existing laws that have made them less effective in reducing crime and propose new legislation; evaluate the availability and adequacy of crime-related data and identify measures that could improve data collection in a manner that will aid in the understanding of crime trends and in the reduction of crime; and would conduct any other studies and develop any other recommendations. You can view the order [here](#).

Protecting Officers - The second order would seek greater protections for the safety of law enforcement officers. This order would direct the DOJ to develop strategies to further enhance the protection and safety of law enforcement officers; and would pursue new legislation that would define new Federal crimes, and increase penalties for existing Federal crimes, in order to prevent violence against Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement officers. You can view the order [here](#).

Targeting Transnational Criminal Organizations - The third Executive Order aims to strengthen enforcement of Federal law in order to thwart transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including criminal gangs, cartels, racketeering organizations, and other groups engaged in illicit activities that present a threat to public safety and national security; place a higher priority and devote sufficient resources to go after these organizations; ensure greater coordination with other agencies; enhance cooperation with foreign counterparts; and pursue additional measures to disrupt these criminal organizations. You can view the order [here](#).

Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
2/9/2017	HR 993	Bill Foster (D-IL-11)	To reduce opioid misuse and abuse.
2/9/2017	HR 992	Bill Foster (D-IL-11)	To authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, to award grants to States to expand access to clinically appropriate services for opioid abuse, dependence, or addiction.
2/9/2017	S 349	Kamala Harris (D-CA)	A bill to clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs
2/7/2017	HR 982	Mike Turner (R-OH-10)	To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for payments to States for substance abuse services furnished to inmates in public institutions, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 975	Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-48)	To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for a new rule regarding the application of the Act to marihuana, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 964	Peter King (R-NY-2)	To amend title 5, United States Code, to include certain Federal positions within the definition of law enforcement officer for retirement purposes, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 957	Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8)	To require that State and local law enforcement agencies conform to Federal guidelines in using cell simulator devices, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 956	Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8)	To regulate monitoring of electronic communications between a prisoner in a Bureau of Prisons facility and that prisoner's attorney or other legal representative, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 950	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.
2/7/2017	HR 949	Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-8)	To increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 945	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To codify the objective of Presidential Policy Directive 21 to improve critical infrastructure security and resilience, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 940	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To secure communications of utilities from terrorist threats, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 935	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To codify an office within the Department of Homeland Security with the mission of strengthening the capacity of the agency to attract and retain highly trained computer and information security professionals, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 912	Bill Foster (D-IL-11)	To provide for punishments for immigration-related fraud, and for other purposes.
2/7/2017	HR 909/ S 322	Katherine Clark (D-MA-5)/ Gary Peters (D-MI)	To protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their

2/7/2017	HR 901/S329	Elijah Cummings (D-MD-7)/ Cory Booker (D-NJ)	To place restrictions on the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in Federal custody.
2/6/2017	HR 889	Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-12)	To provide for the establishment of an office within the Internal Revenue Service to focus on violations of the internal revenue laws by persons who are under investigation for conduct relating to the promotion of commercial sex acts and trafficking in persons crimes, and to increase the criminal monetary penalty limitations for the underpayment or overpayment of tax due to fraud.
2/6/2017	HR 883	Ron DeSantis (R-FL-6)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a certification process for the issuance of nondisclosure requirements accompanying certain administrative subpoenas, to provide for judicial review of such nondisclosure requirements, and for other purposes.
2/6/2017	HR 876	John Katko (R-NY-24)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.



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