

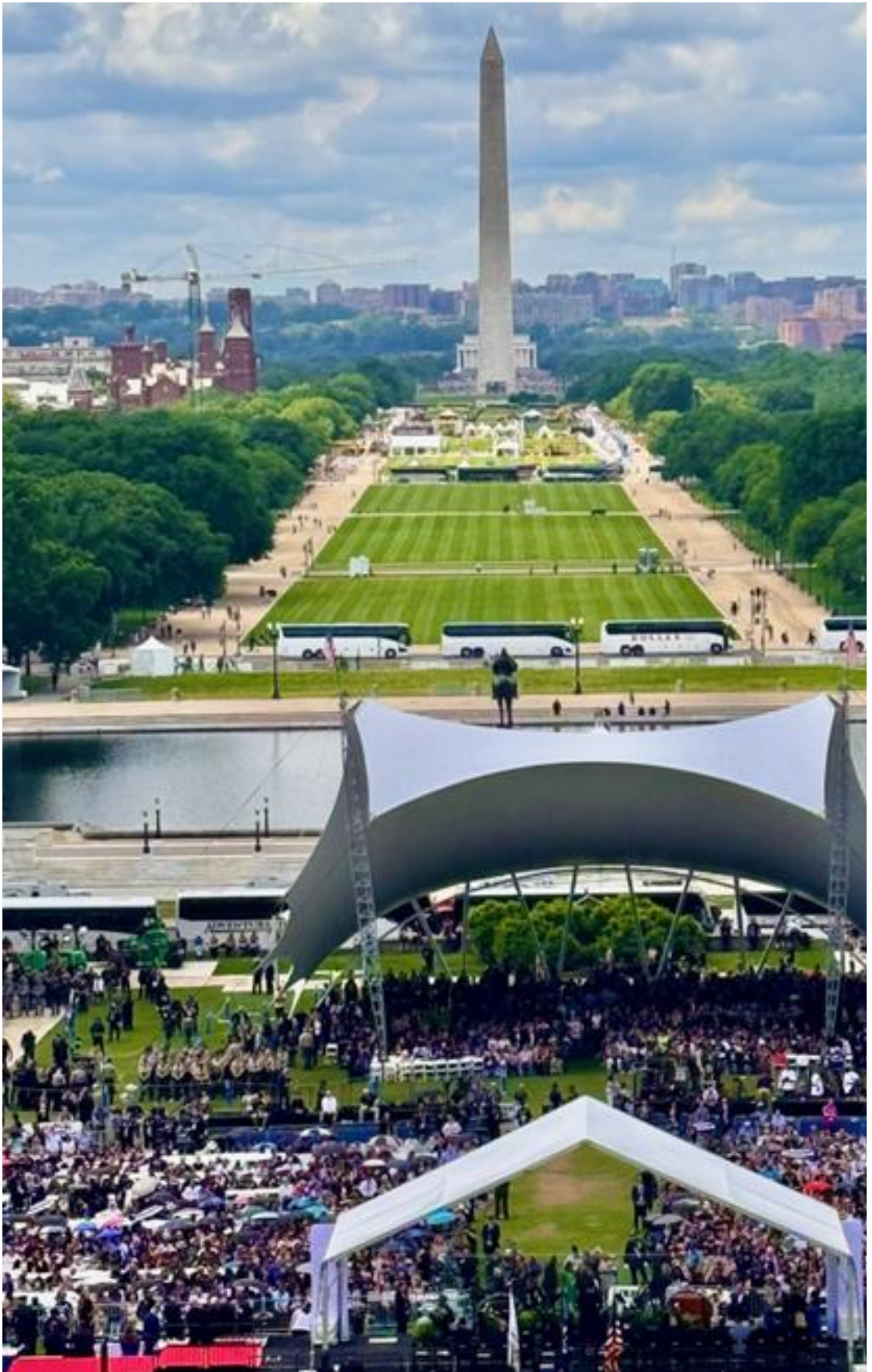


Photo of the Week: Captured from the Speaker's Balcony at the U.S. Capitol, this image overlooks the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

Photo Credit: Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Oakland County, Michigan.

Weekly Update and Analysis

May 16, 2025

Brooks Bawden Moore's Weekly Update and Analysis highlights congressional, administrative, and regulatory activity related to justice, public safety, and homeland security. Feel free to reach out to us if you would like to discuss any items described in the update. Additionally, please feel free to distribute this product as you see fit.

What Happened This Week?

This week, in observance of National Police Week, Congress took several actions to honor law enforcement officers and support their work.

In the House of Representatives, lawmakers advanced several bills aimed at supporting law enforcement officers: H.R. 2240, the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act, requires the Department of Justice to report to Congress on violent attacks against law enforcement officers, evaluate the effectiveness of current data collection efforts related to such incidents, and assess the impact of existing programs that provide officers with protective equipment and wellness resources. H.R. 2243, known as the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Reform Act (LEOSA Reform Act), seeks to expand the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act by allowing qualified active and retired officers to carry concealed firearms and ammunition in school zones, national parks, certain federal facilities, and on state, local, and private property that is otherwise open to the public. Additionally, H.R. 2255, the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act, would allow federal officers in good standing to purchase their retired service weapons, which would otherwise be destroyed. You can read more about these bills at our [blog here](#).

The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced eight law enforcement bills. This is the Judiciary Committee's largest Police Week package in over 15 years. This package included legislation to provide training and containment tools to guard officers and first responders against accidental exposure to dangerous substances (S. 180, Protecting First Responders from Secondary Exposure Act), a bill to reauthorize and modernize the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, (S.539, PROTECT Our Children Reauthorization Act) and a bill to expand mental health resources for law enforcement (S.419, Reauthorizing Support and Treatment for Officers in Crisis Act). Additional legislation aimed at recruitment and retention and benefits for families of officers killed or disabled in service also advanced. You can read the full list and details of the [bills here](#).

Both chambers of Congress passed resolutions honoring law enforcement personnel and raising awareness of the critical role they play in serving their communities and the nation. The Senate Law Enforcement Caucus also hosted law enforcement leaders, who spoke about the importance of adequate training and resources in supporting officers' mission and safety.

Law enforcement officers, their families, and leaders of professional associations visited Capitol Hill and federal agencies to meet with members of Congress and administration officials, advocating for the profession and its needs. We also participated in several commemorative events, including the Police Unity Tour, the Annual Candlelight Vigil, and the National Peace Officers Memorial Service.

Separately, unrelated to Police Week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee advanced their portions of the reconciliation bill following extensive markups. The legislation now moves to the House Budget Committee, where it will be consolidated with measures from other committees.

Additionally, budget hearings continued throughout the week. Representatives from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Capitol Police testified before Congress, outlining their agencies' priorities and funding needs.

National Police Week in Washington D.C.



Senate Law Enforcement Caucus Hosts Congressional Briefing on Importance of Training and Resources for State and Local Law Enforcement

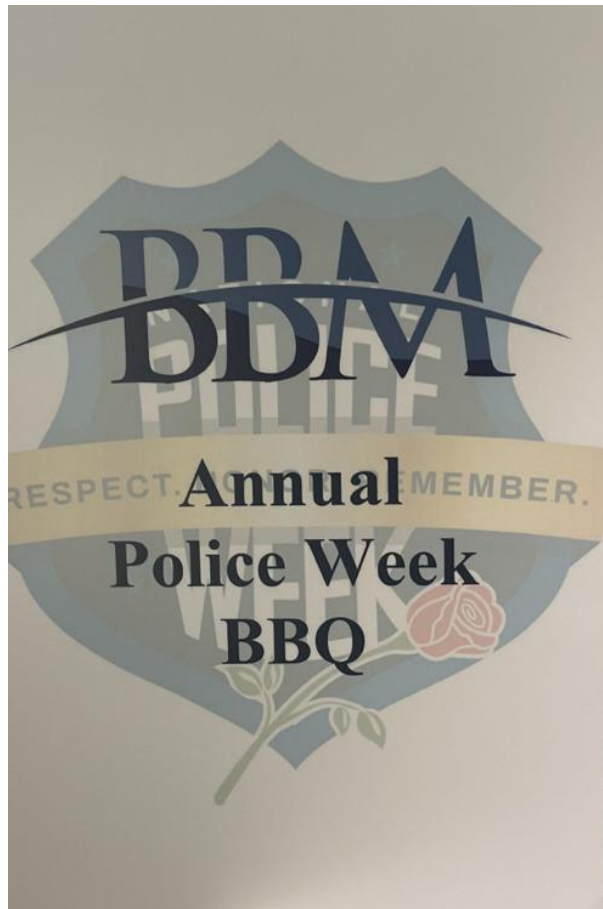
Across the country, law enforcement agencies are adapting to evolving public safety challenges through advanced training, strategic innovation, and stronger community partnerships. As part of National Police Week, the Senate Law Enforcement Caucus hosted a briefing to highlight how agencies at every level are meeting these demands by investing in modern training programs that prepare officers for the complexities of today's policing environment.

The briefing was supported by a coalition of leading organizations, including the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCI), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Secure Community Network (SCN), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), Policing Leadership Academy (PLA), and VirTra.

A full recording of the briefing will be made available soon.

BBM Hosts Annual Police Week BBQ

Friends and colleagues from all over the country joined us to honor the law enforcement community, recognize those that have lost their lives in service, and celebrate our shared commitment to public safety.



BBM Hosts Annual Women in Criminal Justice Breakfast

The BBM Annual Women in Criminal Justice Breakfast is a valued yearly gathering that brings together leaders from across the public safety community, Capitol Hill and the Administration.

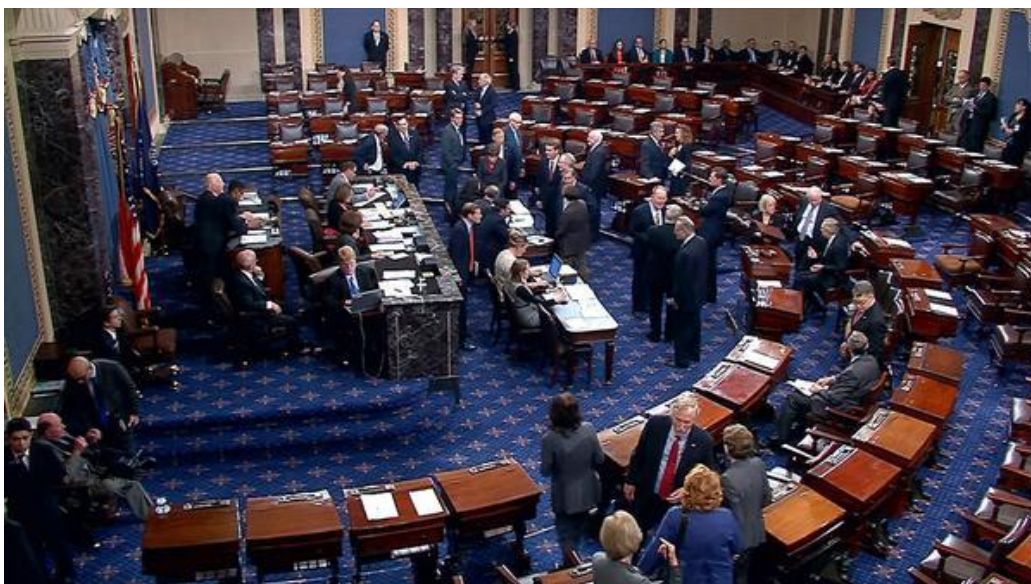


BBM Blog Posts of the Week

BBM posts timely updates on topics of interest to the public safety community. Please explore this week's blog posts below and click on any topic that interests you to stay updated. Email a member of the BBM team today to get our blog content delivered directly to your inbox.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>New COPS Office Funding Opportunities Now Available</u> • <u>“Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Eight Law Enforcement Bills During National Police Week”</u> • <u>The Hill: “20 states sue over Trump administration linking grants, immigration enforcement”</u> • <u>Trump’s Pick for Border Chief Advances in Senate</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bloomberg Government: “GOP Approves Spectrum Sales, AI Spending in Trump Tax Bill”</u> • <u>Bloomberg Government”. Medicaid Work Requirements Sought in Bill to Fund Trump Tax Cuts”</u> • <u>Bloomberg Government: “FCC Receives Powers to Auction Spectrum in Republican Tax Bill”</u> • <u>Bloomberg Government: Federal Gun Ban on Felons Is Constitutional, Appeals Court Says</u> |
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Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Eric Matthew Ueland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; confirmed: 52-45.

S.Res.220 - A resolution designating the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025, as "National Police Week".

House of Representatives

H.Con.Res.30 - Expressing support for local law enforcement officers.

Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 1

H.Res.364 - Calling upon local communities to support organizations that provide resources and aid Gold Shield Families in their time of need.

Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R.2255 - Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act of 2025

This bill directs the General Services Administration to establish a program under which a federal law enforcement officer may purchase a retired firearm from the agency that issued the firearm to the officer.

Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 234 - 182

H.R.2240 - Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act

This bill requires the Department of Justice to report on (1) targeted attacks on law enforcement officers, (2) the feasibility of incorporating such attacks into existing crime reporting systems, and (3) the mental health resources that are available to law enforcement officers.

Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 403 - 11

H.R.2243 - LEOSA Reform Act

This bill broadens the authority for certain law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms across state lines. Specifically, the bill allows qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms and ammunition (including magazines) in school zones; in national parks; on state, local, or private property that is open to the public; and in certain federal facilities that are open to the public. Further, the bill permits states to reduce the frequency with which retired law enforcement officers must meet certain qualification standards.

Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 229 – 193



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Full Committee Markup of Budget Reconciliation Text

House Energy and Commerce Committee
2:00 PM, 2123 RHOB

Full Committee Markup of Legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2001 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14

House Ways and Means Committee
2:00 PM, 1100 LHOB

H.R. 2240 – Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act; H.R. 2243 – LEOSA Reform Act; H.R. 2255 – Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act of 2025

House Rules Committee
4:00 PM, The Capitol, H-31

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

A New Era of Homeland Security: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security

House Homeland Security Committee
10:00 AM, 310CHOB

Oversight Hearing of the Federal Judiciary

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
10:00 AM, 2362-B RHOB

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Homeland Security

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
9:30 AM, 342 DSOB

“Among Us: Evaluating Sleeper Cell Activity and Other Subversion and Sabotage Threats”

Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)
10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

Hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Health and Human Services

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Senate Appropriations Committee)
10:10 AM, 124 DSOB

Hearings to examine defending against drones, focusing on setting safeguards for counter unmanned aircraft systems

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 226 DSOB

Oversight Hearing – The Transportation Security Administration

Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
1:00 PM, 2362-B RHOB

“Examining Threats to ICE Operations”

House Judiciary Committee

Oversight Hearing – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Department of Homeland Security
Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
10:00 AM, 2172 RHOB

Oversight Hearing – The United States Coast Guard

Department of Homeland Security
Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
2:00 PM, 2008 RHOB

Oversight Hearing- Senate Sergeant at Arms and US Capitol Police

Legislative Branch Subcommittee (Senate Appropriations Committee)
3:00PM, 192 DSOB

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Oversight Hearing – U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Department of Homeland Security
Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
10:00 AM, 2362-A RHOB

In Defense of Defensive Measures: Reauthorizing Cybersecurity Information Sharing Activities that Underpin U.S. National Cyber Defense

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)
2:00 PM, 310 CHOB

Oversight Hearing – The Transportation Security Administration

Department of Homeland Security
Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
2:00 PM, 2362-A RHOB

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

2:00 PM, 2141 RHOB

Breach of Trust: Surveillance in Private Spaces

Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation Subcommittee (House Oversight and Government Reform)
2:00 PM, 2247 RHOB

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Oversight Hearing of the Federal Communications Commission

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
10:00 AM, 2358-A RHOB

Business meeting to consider S. 1442, Combating Trafficking in Transportation Act (Blackburn)

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

AI Regulation and the Future of US Leadership

Commerce, manufacturing, and Trade Subcommittee (House Energy and Commerce Committee)
10:15 AM, 2322 RHOB

Hearings to examine certain pending nominations

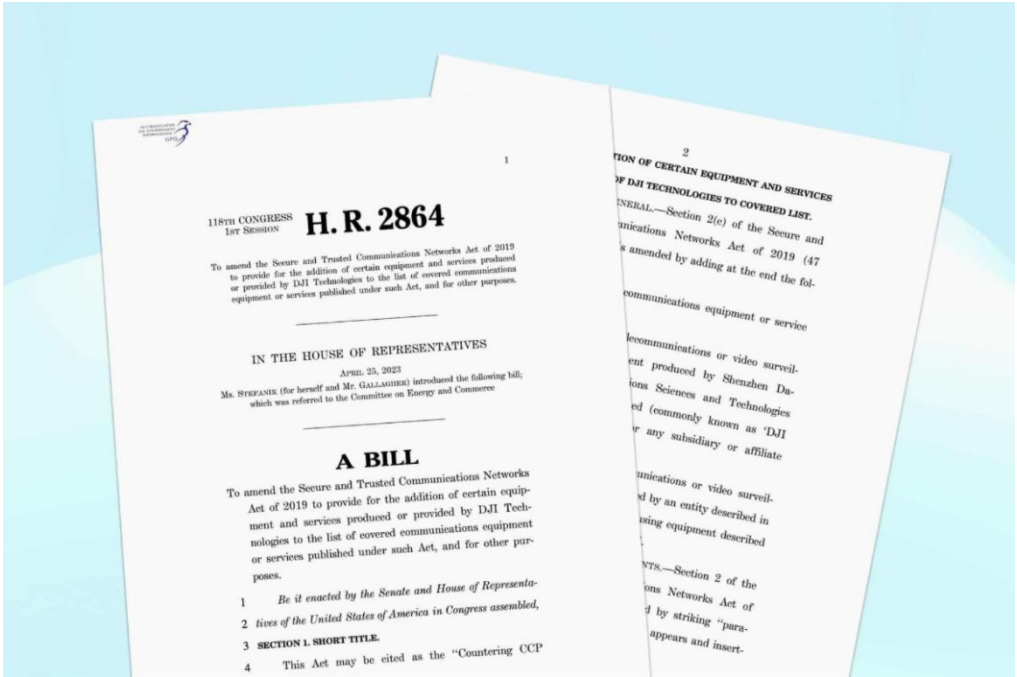
Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 226 DSOB

“Mass Gathering Events: Assessing Security Coordination and Preparedness”

Emergency Management and Technology Subcommittee (House Homeland Security)
2:00 PM, 310 CHOB

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: AI-Generated Deepfakes in 2025

Privacy, Technology, and the Law Subcommittee (Senate Judiciary Committee)
2:30 PM, 226 DSOB

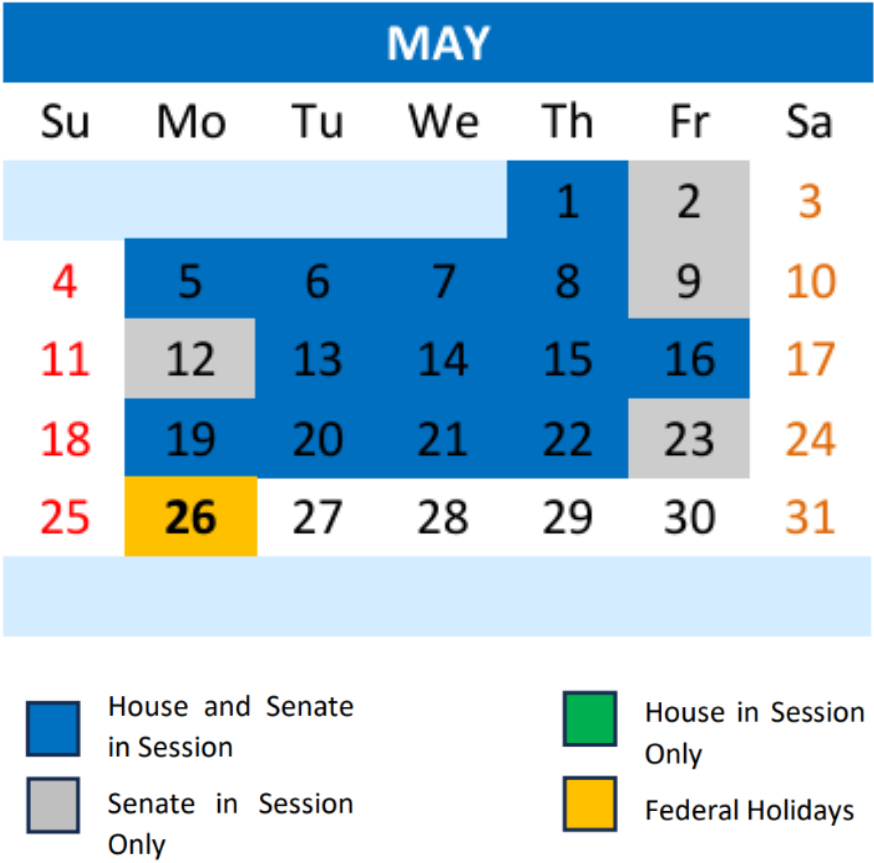


BBM has compiled a list of this week's newly introduced legislation relevant to Justice, Public Safety, and Homeland Security in the 119th Congress.

You can download the information as an Excel spreadsheet by clicking [below](#).

[Newly Introduced Legislation](#)

Congressional Calendar



Check out and download the **BBM 2025 Combined Congressional Calendar** below.

[BBM 2025 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice

New COPS Office Funding Opportunities Now Available

The COPS Office has announced the following new funding opportunities:

- **COPS Hiring Program (CHP)**
- **Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies**
- **Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training – Curriculum Integration for Law Enforcement Academies and State-Level Training Commissions**
- **Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program**
- **Community Policing Development (CPD) Law Enforcement Products and Resources**
- **Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation – Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities**
- **Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation – Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation**
- **Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)**
- **Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA)**
- **Blue Alert**
- **COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)**
- **COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF)**
- **School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)**



U.S.
Drug Enforcement
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DEA Releases 2025 National Drug Threat Assessment

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration announced the release of the 2025 National Drug Threat Assessment (NDTA), DEA's comprehensive review of the threats posed to the United States by deadly illicit drugs and the violent domestic and international drug trafficking organizations responsible for producing and trafficking the drugs poisoning our communities.

"This year's report indicates progress in the fight against fentanyl and also outlines the increasing challenges we face with the changing landscape of the synthetic drug crisis. The adulterating of fentanyl with highly potent, dangerous chemicals reminds us that this fight is far from over," said DEA Acting Administrator Robert Murphy. "DEA and our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners must continue to adapt and work together to attack global drug trafficking organizations at every level. By joining forces to reduce supply and demand, we can destroy the drug trafficking networks and achieve a safer and healthier future for all Americans."

In addition to highlighting current trends and emerging threats, this year's NDTA includes overviews of the cartels and criminal organizations that were designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) and Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs), including the Sinaloa Cartel, Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), Northeast Cartel, the New Michoacán Family, Gulf Cartel, United Cartels, Tren de Aragua (TdA), and Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13).

Other key findings of note:

Drug overdose deaths decreased by more than 20% in 2024. October 2024 was the eleventh consecutive month in which CDC reported a reduction in drug related deaths. This is positive momentum in this fight to save lives; however, with more than 80,000 Americans still dying from drug poisonings and overdose deaths, the synthetic drug threat remains grave.

DEA laboratories are reporting a downward trend in fentanyl purity. This should not be mistaken for street-level fentanyl being any less dangerous. While purity levels are decreasing, the mixing of fentanyl with animal tranquilizers and other synthetic opioids is on the rise, which results in people not knowing the exact composition of what they are consuming or selling.

The mixing of illicit substances, known as drug cocktails, is becoming more common. Recent data from the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) indicated one in four submissions of cocaine and one in eight submissions of methamphetamine also included fentanyl. This is another indication that the drug landscape is as dangerous as ever.

Veterinary tranquilizer xylazine remains the top adulterant found in fentanyl powder; however, a more powerful veterinary anesthetic, medetomidine, has emerged in the fentanyl supply – a dangerous development in the fight against fentanyl.

More than four million youth and young adults (ages 12-20) reported vaping marijuana in the past year.

Chinese transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) dominate the domestic cultivation and distribution of marijuana, with most grow sites located in states where the cannabis industry is "legal." These Chinese TCOs are producing the most potent form of marijuana in the history of drug trafficking, with a THC content averaging 25-30%.

[Read the Report Here](#)

The Emerging Threat of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) in Child Sexual Exploitation

May 27, 2025

2:00 - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Upcoming Webinar- The Emerging Threat of Generative AI in Child Sexual Exploitation

During this webinar, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) will be discussing how offenders are using Generative AI to exploit children globally. This webinar will focus on how Generative AI is being used to create Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), and the complexities it can cause in case investigations, victim identification, and other areas. Through this webinar, the attendees will be able to gain insights into how deep this

problem really is, and will gain a better understanding, through the use of examples, about how offenders are harming children through the use of this technology.

Speakers:

Shelley Allwang – Director (Exploited Children Division), National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Biography: With nearly 20 years of experience in the field of child protection and exploitation prevention, Shelley Allwang is a Director in the Exploited Children Division at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). In her current role, she leads the strategic vision and operational growth of the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP), which reviews, tags, and identifies victims of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and exploitative images and videos submitted by law enforcement and electronic service providers (ESPs). She also manages the collective technology needs and product development for the division, working with internal and external partners to advance programs and operations through technology. For over a decade, Shelley has presented at various training programs and conferences related to the sexual exploitation of children.

Starts Tue May 27 2025, 2:00pm EDT

Ends Tue May 27 2025, 3:00pm EDT

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HARP

THE HEALTH AND REENTRY PROJECT

Upcoming Webinar- Strengthening Health and Reentry Operations

Jails and prisons face operational challenges to deliver services that improve reentry outcomes while managing variable health care costs and needs. To support jails and prisons in navigating this landscape, the Health and Reentry Project (HARP) is offering a virtual training to hear from state and local leaders on their efforts to improve reentry outcomes through operations-responsive partnerships and new approaches to pre-release enrollment and continuity of care. Additionally, this discussion will highlight how state departments of correction, state prison facilities, and jails can seek technical assistance in implementing successful reentry and health operational practices to reduce crime and recidivism.

Please join HARP on Tuesday, May 20th at 2:00 pm ET for a conversation about challenges in health and reentry and to learn more about improving health and reentry systems. Attendees will hear from discussants St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne and South Dakota Secretary of Corrections Kellie Wasko on their respective health and reentry approaches. Please follow this link to register for the event.

[Register Here](#)

Articles We Read This Week



US overdose deaths fell 27% last year, the largest one-year decline ever seen

There were 30,000 fewer U.S. drug overdose deaths in 2024 than the year before — the largest one-year decline ever recorded. An estimated 80,000 people died from overdoses last year, according to provisional Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data released Wednesday. That’s down 27% from the 110,000 in 2023.

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Alabama lawmakers approve additional legal protections for police officers

The Alabama Legislature gave final approval to the legislation that sets legal standards for the use of force and provides for an immunity hearing. The bill states that an officer “shall be justified” in the use of physical force as long as it is not constitutionally excessive force or “recklessly” outside of the officer’s discretionary authority.

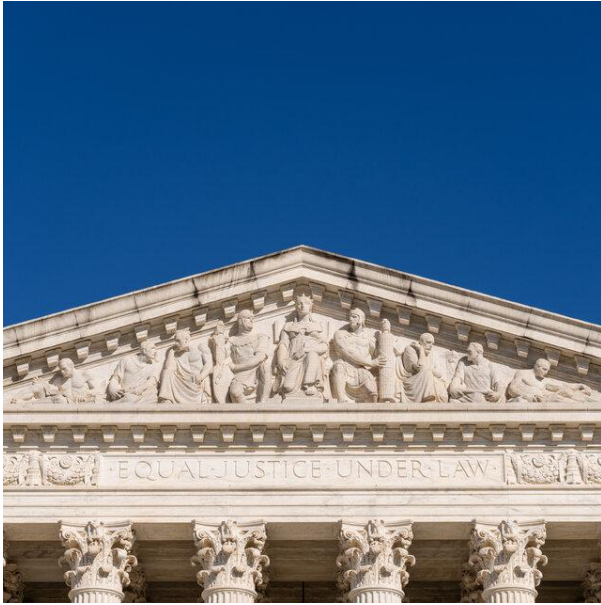
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From AI avatars to virtual reality crime scenes, courts are grappling with AI in the justice system

Courts across the country have been grappling with how to best handle the increasing presence of artificial intelligence in the courtroom. Even before Pelkey’s family used AI to give him a voice for the victim impact portion — believed to be a first in U.S. courts — the Arizona Supreme Court created a committee that researches best AI practices.

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Supreme Court Rejects ‘Moment of Threat’ Limit in Excessive Force Suits

The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected a legal theory that put tight limits on lawsuits seeking to hold police officers accountable for using deadly force.

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New law brings all police departments under statewide rape kit tracking system

Governor Katie Hobbs signed a bill this week that mandates all police departments in the state use a tracking system for forensic medical exams, also known as rape kits. Advocates said the tracking system, codified by HB 2581, is another layer of accountability for law enforcement, as well as an important tool for sex crime victims.

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Pa. state police can now analyze crime scene DNA in as little as 90 minutes. Here's how.

The Pennsylvania State Police have launched a rapid DNA analysis program, distributing technology that will allow investigators to test samples outside a lab and get results in as few as 90 minutes. The agency recently provided 15 automated genetic analyzers to state troops across the commonwealth and predicts the devices will help police solve cases more quickly.

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Upcoming Events



2025 NSA Annual Conference



ACA's 155th Congress of Correction



2025 Annual Conference



Fort Lauderdale, Florida
June 23-25, 2025

Denver, Colorado
August 21-26, 2025

Dallas, Texas
September 22-24, 2025

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