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Photo of the Week: President Trump Delivers Address to the Nation Alongside Vice President Vance, Secretary of State Rubio, and Defense Secretary Hegseth following US Strikes on Iranian Nuclear Facilities.

Weekly Update and Analysis

June 27, 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?

Congress is working at a rapid pace, tackling a wide array of priorities. Lawmakers are negotiating a sweeping tax, spending, and debt limit package; processing fiscal year 2026 funding efforts; reviewing nominations; and advancing legislation important to the law enforcement and public safety community. Here's a breakdown of developments from this week:

Senate Republicans are [racing to finalize a major tax-and-spending package before the July 4 recess](#). However, key disagreements over Medicaid funding, rural hospital support, and the state and local tax (SALT) deduction are slowing progress. BBM is closely tracking these negotiations, with a special focus on provisions related to Homeland Security and the Judiciary.

The Senate parliamentarian is playing a pivotal role by ruling on whether Republican policy proposals can proceed under budget reconciliation rules. Notably, several high-profile provisions were blocked, including measures [to limit federal grants to jurisdictions that do not cooperate with federal immigration enforcement](#), restrict state regulation of artificial intelligence, [eliminate regulations on short-barreled rifles and shotguns, and remove taxes on gun silencers](#).

Additionally, Senate Republicans have revived efforts to provide [states with reimbursement for border and immigration enforcement activities](#), proposing \$13.5 billion in reimbursement funding.

The House of Representatives approved the first FY 2026 funding bill of the cycle, covering military construction and veterans' affairs. The House Appropriations Committee [also advanced the Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) funding bill for consideration by the full House](#). This proposal rejected the President's Budget Request recommendation to cut Homeland Security grant programs or require a grant match. Committee Republicans noted the executive branch submitted its budget request late and emphasized their openness to continued negotiations.

Attorney General Bondi testified before House and Senate appropriators this week, outlining the Administration's budget request and law enforcement priorities. Lawmakers pressed the AG on the proposed merger of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) with the Drug Enforcement Administration, which Bondi described as a move to streamline operations and reduce redundancy. She reassured Congress that funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) would be preserved and [highlighted the value of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network](#)

(NIBIN) program at ATF. Neither chamber has released its FY 2026 spending bills for the Department of Justice, though the House is expected to do so in early July.

The House **passed two immigration and border-related bills this week.** Under H.R. 875, noncitizens convicted of driving while intoxicated or impaired would be automatically inadmissible and deportable. H.R. 275 would require DHS to publish a monthly report listing any “special interest” noncitizens encountered by its personnel. These bills now move to the Senate for consideration. The House Homeland Security Committee advanced a set of bills intended to strengthen U.S. defenses against transnational criminal organizations, improve border security collaboration abroad, and enhance access to federal preparedness funding for local governments. You can read details of these bills **here.**

Matthew Kozma, President Trump’s nominee for DHS Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis, appeared before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for his confirmation hearing. Senators used the opportunity to express concerns and preview planned reforms to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the only entity statutorily required to share intelligence with state and local authorities. A committee vote on his nomination is expected next week.

The Senate Commerce Committee unanimously **advanced the Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0).** This bipartisan legislation aims to modernize privacy protections for children and teenagers in the digital space.

Lastly, President Trump and DHS Secretary Kristi Noem announced new appointments to the Homeland Security Advisory Council. You can find the full list on our blog **here.**

Despite scheduled recesses, we expect the Senate to remain in Washington to continue negotiations. House members have also been notified that votes may take place next week. Regardless, we’ll be here and fully engaged every step of the way!

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>Washington Post: “Post Exclusive: DOGE enters ATF with mandate to slash gun regulations as Trump administration pushes to drastically”</u>• <u>Understanding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (Webinar Recording)</u>• <u>Senate Republicans Rush to Finalize Tax-and-Spending Bill Before July 4</u>• <u>The Hill: “Supreme Court rules Texas death row inmate can sue over state DNA testing laws”</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>AG Bondi Testifies Before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Key Takeaways</u>• <u>House Homeland Security Committee Advances Bills Targeting Border Crime, Smuggling, and Emergency Preparedness</u>• <u>House Appropriations Committee Advances FY26 Homeland Security Spending Measure</u> |
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- [Bessent Hints at Trade Deals Before Labor Day](#)
- [Gun, Silencer Provisions Blocked From Trump Tax Bill in Senate](#)
- [House Passes Immigration & Border Related Legislation](#)
- [Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act Advances in Senate Committee](#)
- [Attorney General Bondi Discusses NIBIN as a Critical Law Enforcement Resource](#)
- [Senate Revises State Border Fund in Trump Tax Package](#)

- [President Trump Announces Appointments to the Homeland Security Advisory Council](#)
- [AG Bondi Testifies Before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Key Takeaways](#)
- [Bloomberg Government: McCaul Won't Take Homeland Security Gavel](#)
- [POLITICO: "Robert Garcia elected to lead House Oversight Democrats"](#)
- [Bloomberg Law: "Trump DOJ Reviving Gun Restoration Program for Convicted Felons"](#)
- [Senate Parliamentarian Blocks GOP Workforce and Immigration Measures in Tax Bill](#)
- [Slimmed-Down Megabill: Key Provisions Removed](#)

Briefing Recording: Understanding the National Criminal Background Check System

SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, recently hosted a 30-minute webinar exploring the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

Why Watch This Webinar?

Whether you're a policymaker, public safety professional, or simply curious about how background checks work, this session breaks down the essentials of NICS—how it functions, who manages it, and how states are using federal funding to enhance its effectiveness.

What You'll Learn:

- How NICS works to determine firearm eligibility in real time
- Who collects, manages, and updates the system's data
- How states are strengthening their contributions to NICS with federal support
- Key policy and operational challenges shaping its future

Meet the Expert Panel:

Hear from leaders driving innovation and policy in justice information sharing:

- Derek Veitenheimer, Executive Director, SEARCH
- Becki Goggins, Director of Law & Policy, SEARCH
- Adam Dean, Deputy Commissioner, NY Division of Criminal Justice Services
- Erin Henry, Division Director, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
- Michelle Kleckler, Division Director, Michigan State Police
- Dane Silcox, Manager, Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

This **session** offers an inside look at how a vital national system operates.

[Watch the Webinar Here](#)

Briefing Recording: Law Enforcement Tools Transforming Public Safety

As Congress considers FY26 appropriations and future public safety strategies, this 30-minute briefing highlighted specific, proven technologies that are reducing violent crime, increasing efficiency, and saving lives in jurisdictions across the country.

Briefers included Drew Evans, Superintendent, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, President, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCI); Sheriff John Allen, Bernalillo County, New Mexico; Laura Sudkamp, Former Director, Kentucky State Police Forensic Laboratories; and Ron Brooks, National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), Past President, Partner, Brooks Bawden Moore.

Topics included:

National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)

o NIBIN is a critical tool law enforcement relies on to solve violent gun crimes. By matching shell casings across jurisdictions and among multiple crime scenes, NIBIN helps dismantle criminal networks, reduce cross-border gun flow, and prevent future violence.

Rapid DNA Technology

o Rapid DNA technology quickly analyzes DNA samples to deliver fast results that can speed investigations. At the border it can help rapidly confirm family relationships, helping to prevent human trafficking, protect children. and enhance security.

Drones for Public Safety

o Deployed in emergency response, search and rescue, crowd protection, and tactical operations, drones enhance situational awareness, boost efficiency, improve officer safety, and save lives.

[Watch Here](#)

Briefing Recording: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program

On June 9, law enforcement leaders from across the country participated in a 30-minute virtual briefing to discuss the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program. The session emphasized the critical need for sustained resources and highlighted the importance of HIDTA's continued placement within the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Panelists, including Mike McDaniel (President, National HIDTA Directors Association and Director of Houston HIDTA), Dawn Mertz (Vice President, NHDA and Executive Director of Arizona HIDTA), Vic Brown (Director, Appalachia HIDTA), Chad Kasmar (Chief of Police, Tucson Police Department), Kieran Donahue (Sheriff, Canyon County, Idaho), and Ron Brooks (Past President, National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition), shared detailed information on the HIDTA Program, including how it:

- Helps law enforcement agencies coordinate large-scale investigations,
- Supports real-time intelligence sharing across jurisdictions,
- Provides essential funding and resources to areas hardest hit by drug trafficking,
- Adapts to emerging drug threats and regional trends, and
- Enhances public safety through collaboration and innovation.

[Watch Here](#)

Joint Law Enforcement Statement on NIBIN

A Call for Continued Support of NIBIN: A Vital Tool in Combatting Violent Crime



The Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Directors Association (NHDA), and National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) urgently call for continued and expanded support of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

NIBIN is a cornerstone in the fight against gun violence and violent crime that local and state agencies rely on every day. By enabling rapid matching of shell casings from crime scenes across the entire country, NIBIN enhances our ability to solve crimes and prevent future violence. Since 1997, NIBIN has processed over 6.5 million pieces of ballistic evidence, generating over 1 million investigative leads that have connected crimes and identified criminals. This tool is indispensable in linking gun-related crimes across jurisdictions and disrupting violent criminal activity.

[Read the Full Statement Here](#)

NIBIN

BY THE NUMBERS



1997

ATF established the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network in 1997 to provide local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement partners with an automated ballistic imaging network. NIBIN is the only national network that allows for the capture and comparison of ballistic evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms.

7 MILLION



7 million pieces of ballistic evidence are stored in NIBIN.



ONE MILLION+

More than 1 million NIBIN leads have been identified during its 25-year history.

93 MILLION

More than 93 million images are stored in NIBIN.



376

There were 376 NIBIN locations in fiscal year 2024.

185,000+



185,000+ investigative leads were generated by NIBIN in fiscal year 2024.



Data current as of June 2025

<https://www.atf.gov/resource-center/fact-sheet/2024-national-integrated-ballistic-information-network>

Joint Law Enforcement Statement : Preserve HIDTA- Maintain Robust Funding and ONDCP Administration



The National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Directors' Association (NHDA), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA), and National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) urge Congress to maintain funding for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program and preserve its administration under the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to ensure continued success in combating drug trafficking across the United States.

America faces complex and evolving drug trafficking challenges that span regional, state, and national boundaries. In response, Congress created the HIDTA Program to enhance collaboration across federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. The HIDTA Program strengthens public safety by disrupting illegal drug markets through coordinated law enforcement strategies.

Operating in 33 regions across all 50 states, HIDTA channels critical funding and resources to areas hardest hit by drug trafficking. Each HIDTA region is governed by an Executive Board of federal, state, and local law enforcement leaders, ensuring balanced representation and locally tailored strategies.

HIDTA's strength lies in its agency-neutral, intelligence-driven approach. It unites multiple law enforcement entities in joint investigations, intelligence sharing, and strategic operations – efforts that no single agency could execute alone. This collaborative model has led to the dismantling of major trafficking networks and thousands of successful prosecutions. Beyond enforcement, HIDTA fosters innovation and flexibility, adapting quickly to new threats and regional trends in drug trafficking.

ONDCP is uniquely positioned to administer HIDTA due to its neutral oversight and ability to align the program with national drug control priorities. Unlike individual enforcement agencies, ONDCP does not promote a single department's interests – its sole focus is on effective coordination and strategy. Housing HIDTA within ONDCP ensures a balanced, coordinated response to drug threats and protects the integrity of its multi-agency structure.

The HIDTA Program is a proven model of successful interagency cooperation, delivering measurable results in the fight against drug trafficking. Its effectiveness depends on both continued resources and neutral, strategic oversight under ONDCP. Preserving this structure is essential to safeguarding American communities from the growing threats of drug trafficking organizations.

NHDA, MCSA, ASCIA, NFCA, IACP, NASDEA, and NNOAC stand ready to support efforts to ensure the continued success of this vital law enforcement program.

[Download the Statement Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Paul Dabbar to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce; [confirmed 56-40](#)

House of Representatives

[H.R.275 – Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2025](#)

This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report every month on non-U.S. nationals (aliens under federal law) who attempt to unlawfully enter the United States and who potentially pose a national security risk. DHS must report on (1) the number of individuals, (2) the nationalities or countries of last residence of these individuals, and (3) the location of the encounters.

Passed House 231-182.

H.R.875 – Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act of 2025

This bill makes driving while intoxicated or impaired a ground for (1) barring a non-U.S. national (alien under federal law) from admission into the United States, or (2) deporting the individual. The bar to admission shall apply to an individual who has been convicted of the offense or has admitted to having committed the acts which constitute the elements of the offense. As a ground for deportability, the individual must have been convicted of the offense.

Passed House 246-160.

H.R. 3944-Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026

This bill provides FY2026 appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies.

Passed House 218-206.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Monday, June 23, 2025

Budget Hearing – Fiscal Year 2026 Request for the Department of Justice

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
2:00, 2362B RHOB

Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Branch Bill

Legislative Branch Subcommittee (House Appropriations
Committee)
6:00, H-140Capitol

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Hearings Next Week

Both the House and Senate are scheduled to be in recess next week; however, they may reconvene if negotiations progress or votes on the reconciliation package are scheduled.

Fiscal Accountability and Oversight of the Federal Courts

Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)
10:00, 2141 RHOB

Locking in the DOGE Cuts: Ending Waste, Fraud, and Abuse for Good

Delivering on Government Efficiency Subcommittee (House Oversight and Government Reform Committee)
10:00, HVC-210 C

Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Bill

House Appropriations Committee
10:00, 2359 RHOB

Protecting America from the Cartels

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15, 216HSOB

Rising Threat: America's Battle Against Antisemitic Terror

Oversight Subcommittee, (House Judiciary Committee)
2:00, 2141RHOB

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Algorithms and Authoritarians: Why U.S. AI Must Lead

House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
9:00, HVC210

Legislative Markup (S.836, Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act)

10:00, 253 RSOB

Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Justice Budget

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee
10:00, 138 DSOB

Nominations

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15, 538 DSOB

**The National Guard State Partnership Program:
Strengthening U.S. Security, One Partnership at a Time**

Military and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee (House
Oversight and Government Reform Committee)
2:00, HVC 210-C

Restoring Integrity and Security to the Visa Process

Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement
Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)
2:00, 2141 RHOB

**Hearing to Examine the President's Special Message of
June 3, 2025**

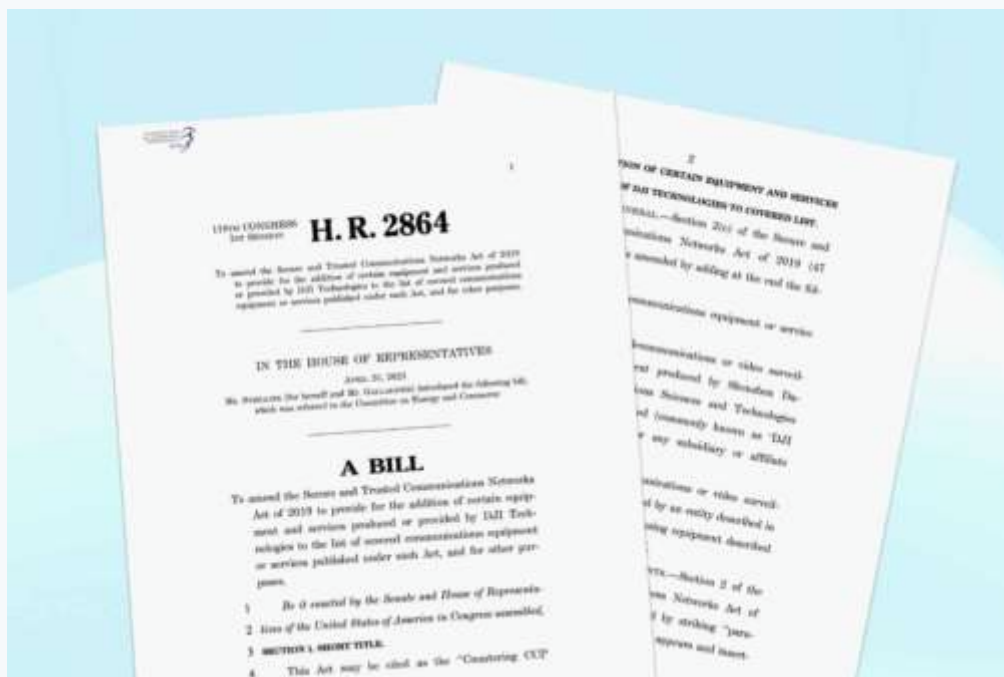
Senate Appropriations Committee
2:30, 106 DSOB

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Branch Bill

House Appropriations Committee
10:00, 2359 RHOB

New Bill Introductions



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](#)