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Photo of the Week: Senate Majority Leader John Thune walks to his office after opening the Senate floor Thursday.

Weekly Update and Analysis

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Brooks Bawden Moore's Weekly Update and Analysis highlight 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?

On [day 38 of the government shutdown](#), Senate Majority Leader John Thune said the Senate will stay in session over the weekend and vote to advance the stopgap bill, though the Friday vote has not yet been scheduled. Gridlock deepens as the Senate prepares for a 15th failed vote on the House stopgap bill, with Democrats holding firm on demands over health care, layoffs, and spending cuts.

The shutdown's effects are widening—airports face daily flight reductions and a judge ordered full SNAP funding, which the Justice Department plans to appeal. Despite ongoing bipartisan talks, negotiations remain chaotic, with Republicans divided over short-term funding and the fate of Obamacare premium tax credits. Lacking consensus or presidential backing, the Senate is expected to reject the bill again, likely extending the shutdown into its sixth week.

In the midst of this prolonged stalemate, senators are now trying to show progress by advancing a [“minibus” spending package](#) covering Defense, Labor-HHS-Education, Transportation-HUD, and Commerce-Justice-Science. The move marks one of the few signs of forward motion after weeks of gridlock, though the package alone wouldn't reopen the government and would still require negotiations with the House. Efforts to revive the stalled Commerce-Justice-Science bill, previously derailed by disputes over the FBI headquarters, signal movement but not consensus. Key senators, including Appropriations Vice Chair Patty Murray, stress that broader bipartisan agreement on a continuing resolution and health care provisions is needed before real progress can occur. Without a new stopgap funding deal, the shutdown remains unresolved.

At the White House, President Trump issued an executive order reducing the fentanyl-related tariff on Chinese imports from 20% to 10%, effective November 10, following China's pledge to curb fentanyl trafficking and strengthen controls on precursor chemicals. The tariff will be reviewed in six to twelve months, with future adjustments depending on China's enforcement progress. The temporary agreement, reached after Trump's October summit with President Xi, may require renegotiation next year and faces legal uncertainty as the Supreme Court reviews the administration's tariff authority. Read further details on President Trump's Executive Orders modifying China's reciprocal and fentanyl tariffs [here](#).

[Twelve Democratic-led states](#) are suing the Trump administration over new rules for key emergency preparedness grants. The changes require states to exclude recently deported residents from population counts and finish projects within one year instead of three. States argue the rules are unworkable and are asking a federal court to block them.

In the Supreme Court, they will hear [Landor v. Louisiana Department of Corrections and Public Safety](#) on Monday, a case that could expand religious rights for inmates. Damon Landor, a Louisiana Rastafarian, claims prison officials violated his beliefs by forcibly shaving his head, and lower courts dismissed his lawsuit seeking damages under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). The Court's decision, supported by various religious groups and backed by the Trump administration, could reshape how inmates nationwide can seek remedies for violations of their religious rights.

Lastly, the [Department of Homeland Security](#) has proposed requiring all immigration benefit applicants to submit biometric data, including DNA, facial images, and voice prints, expanding current rules that apply only to select benefits. Meanwhile, Florida Department of Corrections Secretary and American Correctional Association President Ricky Dixon warned in an [op-ed](#) about drones smuggling contraband into prisons, linking the trend to rising violence and lockdowns, and urged Congress to establish a legal framework with authority, funding, and oversight to address the threat.

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">• Bloomberg Law. "US Plan Requires Biometrics From All Immigration Benefit Seekers"• Senate Edges Toward Its Next Spending Package — But the Shutdown Drags On• New Op-Ed: "The Escalating Threat of Drones in America's Prisons" | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Formally Cuts Fentanyl Tariff on China to 10%• States Sue Trump Administration Over Emergency Grant Rules• Shutdown Day 38: Gridlock Deepens as Pressure Mounts• Update on Landor v. Louisiana Department of Corrections and Public Safety |
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BBM New Position Opening

Job Opening: Government Relations Associate – Brooks Bawden Moore, LLC

Brooks Bawden Moore, LLC (BBM) is a fast-paced government relations firm based in downtown DC at the leading edge of justice, public safety, law enforcement, emergency response, and homeland security issues. We are seeking a Government Relations Associate to support our policy work on behalf of professional associations, non-profits, and corporate clients.

Individuals with 1-3 years of experience serving on Capitol Hill, in professional associations, with advocacy organizations, or in lobbying/legislative affairs are encouraged to apply. We're looking for a skilled researcher, excellent communicator, and organized multi-tasker. We value team members who prioritize collaboration and building a broad network of relationships.

The Government Relations Associate will report to the Partner in charge of policy engagement and will perform the following job tasks:

- Conduct legislative and policy research and develop summaries for internal and external audiences;
- Monitor and develop summaries of committee hearings, newsmaker events, and legislative developments in Congress;
- Assist in the development and execution of legislative and public messaging strategies;

- Schedule and attend meetings on Capitol Hill, with executive branch agencies, and with stakeholder groups;
- Draft congressional testimonies, talking points, and blog posts;
- Monitor and summarize federal agency regulatory activity;
- Work collaboratively and proactively on job tasks to achieve objectives in client work plans;
- Provide administrative and logistical support for event planning and event management, principal scheduling, and travel.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree
- 1 to 3 years of relevant work experience
- Exceptional research and writing skills
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- High level of professionalism and desire to learn

Salary:

- Starting salary range \$75-90k or commensurate with experience. Excellent opportunity for long-term growth within the firm.

Work Location:

- BBM follows an office-first hybrid work model. Our office is one block from Metro Center adjacent to City Center in downtown Washington, DC.
- Occasional overnight travel related to client work may be required, and occasional
- after-hours networking events should be expected.

Please send a cover letter and resume including references to: info@bbm-dc.com by November 30, 2025. Writing samples will be requested during the interview process.

[Job Posting Attachment Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

No activity of particular interest was approved on the floor this week.

S.503 - NET (Network Equipment Transparency) Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to report biennially on the impact of network equipment availability on the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities (i.e., broadband). This assessment must be included in the FCC's reports on the state of the communications marketplace, which are submitted to Congress and published publicly every other year.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session this week.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Business Meeting

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
11:45 AM, 216 Capitol (Senate side)

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

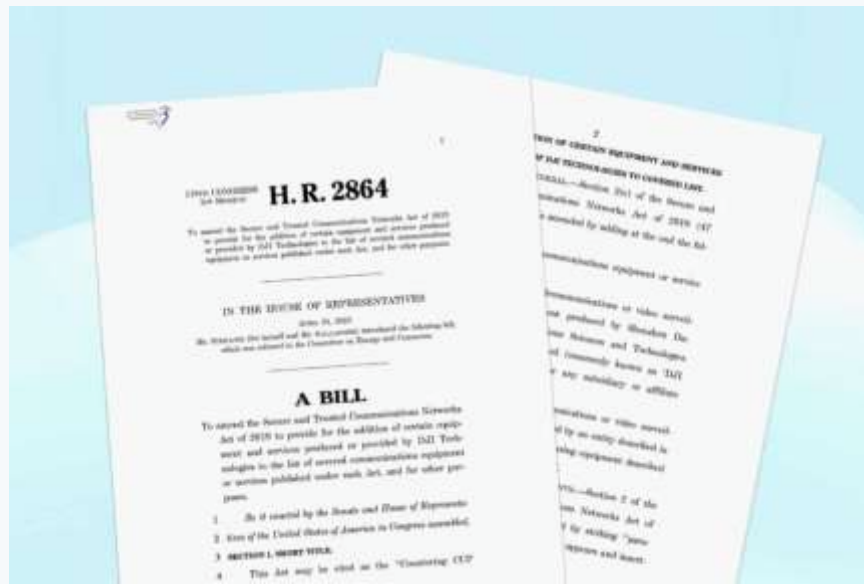
Assessing the Damage Done by Obamacare

Investigations Permanent Subcommittee (Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee)
1:00 PM, 342 SDOB

Hearings Next Week

No hearings of interest to consider next week.

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](#)

Congressional Calendar

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House and Senate
in Session



Senate in Session
Only



House in Session
Only



Federal Holidays

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

[BBM 2025 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



Justice Department Announces Removal of Baltimore County from Sanctuary Jurisdiction List following Memorandum of Understanding with ICE to Collaborate on Immigration Enforcement

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Justice announced the removal of Baltimore County, Maryland, as a designated sanctuary jurisdiction after the County recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ICE to collaborate on immigration enforcement. This follows the Department publishing a list of [sanctuary jurisdictions](#) on August 5th, 2025, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump’s [Executive Order 14287](#).

The list initially included Baltimore County and has now been updated following work between the Administration and the County – the second removal since the list’s publishing. Following Baltimore County’s removal from the list, Associate Attorney General Stanley Woodward released the following statement:

“Despite restrictions from state leadership, Baltimore County has shown a willingness to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement. This is a small step toward restoring public safety and we appreciate the county’s commitment to updating its policies.”

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MCCA Releases Its Violent Crime Report Comparing January to September 2025 and 2024

The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) released its January-September 2025 & 2024 violent crime report.

Overall, US and Canadian agencies have seen a decline in violent crime compared to the same time last year. When compared to 2019 pre-pandemic levels, all categories are down excepted aggravated assaults which are up 2.8% in the USA.

The full report and all violent crime reports can be accessed via the Association's.

[Read More Here](#)



Countering Ubiquitous Technical Surveillance (UTS) Report

The Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), the Center for Internet Security (CIS), and the Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Units (LEIU) released the attached joint product titled, "Countering Ubiquitous Technical Surveillance."

The UTS has become a serious and increasing problem across the country. This product serves to better equip agencies and protect law enforcement personnel as well as high-profile officials within the communities they serve.

[Read the Full Report Here](#)

Articles We Read This Week



DOJ, in a first, brings terrorism charge against alleged member of 764 network

The DOJ has charged an alleged member of 764 with terrorism, marking the first time the charge has been used against an alleged member of the online exploitation network.

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From Narcan to Gun Silencers, Opioid Settlement Cash Pays Law Enforcement Tabs - KFF Health News

Local governments have received hundreds of millions of dollars from the opioid settlements to support addiction treatment, recovery, and prevention efforts. Their spending decisions in 2024 were sometimes surprising and even controversial. Our new database offers more than 10,500 examples.

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Target Shooting Could Be Causing Brain Injuries. We Measured the Danger.

The Times tested the blast waves of several popular civilian guns at an indoor range and found that repeated firing could add up to potentially harmful exposure.

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Report urges changes after Cybertruck explosion in Las Vegas

A new police report is recommending changes to policing methods after a man detonated a Tesla Cybertruck outside the Trump hotel in Las Vegas on Jan. 1.

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FBI Warns of Criminals Posing as ICE, Urges Agents to ID Themselves

In a bulletin to law enforcement agencies, the FBI said criminal impersonators are exploiting ICE's image and urged nationwide coordination to distinguish real operations from fakes.

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A.I. is making death threats terrifyingly real - NYT investigation

Artificial intelligence is ushering in a new age of online violence. Australian activist Caitlin Roper recently received AI-generated videos and images depicting her in violent death scenes.

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Maine voters approve red flag gun law after mass shooting that killed 18

Two years after the deadliest mass shooting in state history, Maine voters decided to make it easier for family members to petition a court to restrict a potentially dangerous person's access to guns.

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DC National Guard deployment in the nation's capital ordered by Trump is extended to Feb. 28

The Washington D.C. National Guard will be deployed to the nation's capital through the end of February, according to formal orders reviewed by The Associated Press.

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DHS speeds rule that could permit more fines and arrests of protesters at federal buildings

As masked and costumed protesters demonstrate outside federal immigration facilities nationwide, the federal government has sped up the start of a new rule that may expose those protesters to fines and additional penalties.

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Alabama commission weighs security concerns, law enforcement needs around drones

An Alabama commission charged with regulating drones Tuesday weighed security concerns around drones manufactured in China with law enforcement insistence that no domestic manufacturer makes comparable ones.

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Upcoming Events



National Sheriffs' Association Winter Conference

Washington, DC
January 31, 2026-February 4, 2026

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Major County Sheriffs of America 2026 Policy Conference

Washington, DC
February 5, 2026- February 7, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition 2026 Delegate Meeting & Conference

Washington, DC
February 2, 2026- February 4, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



National Fusion Center Association 2026 Annual Training Event

Washington, DC
March 30, 2026-April 2, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**American Correctional Association
2026 Winter Conference**

Long Beach, California
February 5, 2026- February 8, 2026

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