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Weekly Legislative Update

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Congressional Outlook

The House and Senate are in session this week. The House has a full schedule of critical legislative priorities to consider including funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), and the farm bill legislation.

As the shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) extends to Day 73 on Monday, the House will consider the Senate-passed version of the FY 2026 budget resolution ([S. Con. Res. 33](#)), the first step toward passage of a budget reconciliation bill funding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at \$70 billion, enough funding to cover these agencies' programs and personnel over the remainder of the Trump administration. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) is facing pressure from Senate Republicans, including Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.), who is looking to get the "skinny" bill on the President's desk as soon as possible. House conservatives are pushing to [fully fund DHS through reconciliation](#), while others want to make the reconciliation bill broader in scope, as they believe it could be their last chance to pass major legislation before the midterm election. If the House were to expand the scope of the bill from the Senate's skinny version to include other funding items and/or policy changes, it would most likely extend the shutdown that is already causing friction for both chambers. A new factor complicating matters are recent comments from DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin that funds paying DHS employees (from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act [OBBBA]) will run out by the end of the first week of May. President Donald Trump has requested that Congress pass the final budget reconciliation bill no later than June 1.

Today, the House Rules Committee will work on the most time sensitive matter for Congress, reauthorizing FISA Section 702, which expires on Thursday evening. Section 702 provides warrantless spying authority to national security agencies to collect communications in specific situations. The contentious legislation has stirred up serious conversations amongst both parties while GOP leadership is pushing a three-year extension of the surveillance authority, through April 30, 2029. The proposal faces resistance from the most conservative wing of House Republicans, including Freedom Caucus members who are unsatisfied with the current draft language. The bill, the **Foreign Intelligence Accountability Act (S. 1318)**, includes reforms such as requiring FBI agents to obtain attorney approval before querying Americans and expanding congressional oversight at the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, however, it stops short of mandating a warrant requirement, which many are pursuing, including Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) who sits on the House Rules Committee. With Speaker Johnson needing near-unanimous support to advance the measure procedurally, Majority Leader Thune could move to file cloture on a parallel three-year extension jumping ahead of House action on the bill.

House Republicans have unveiled the 865-page **Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567)**, which reauthorizes a wide range of agricultural, nutrition, conservation, and rural programs through 2031. The legislation [covers](#) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) reauthorization and expanded farm loan eligibility to crop insurance reforms, rural broadband, and preemption of state-level pesticide and animal confinement rules. House Agriculture Committee Chairman GT Thompson (R-Pa.) is framing the bill as the policy complement to what the OBBBA addressed on the funding side last year. The bill [passed](#) out of committee last month with limited Democratic support, with most minority members opposing provisions they view as harmful. After likely House passage later this week, attention will turn to the Senate, where a bipartisan version of the legislation has yet to be released.

The House returns on Monday and is scheduled to consider [12 bills](#) under suspension of the rules, including the **Doug LaMalfa Federal Disaster Tax Relief Certainty Act (H.R. 5366)**, which extends the federal tax deduction for qualified disaster-related personal casualty losses and the exclusion from gross income of qualified wildfire relief payments to cover those that occurred before Jan. 1, 2027; the **Supporting Early-childhood Educators' Deductions (SEED) Act of 2025 (H.R. 5334)**, which expands eligibility for the above-the-line federal tax deduction for certain eligible educator expenses to include early childhood educators; the **Ensuring Children Receive Support Act (H.R. 6903)**, which specifies that the Department of State must revoke passports for individuals who owe more than \$2,500 in child support payments; and the **New Opportunities for Business Ownership and Self-Sufficiency Act (H.R. 6431)**, which increases the percentage of individuals who may participate in a Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) program. The chamber will also consider four bills pursuant to a rule, including the **Foreign Intelligence Accountability Act (S.1318)**, to add accountability measures to the *Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act*; the **Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act (H.R. 2616)**, which prohibits public schools from using federal funds to teach concepts relating to gender identity and requires parental approval for schools to provide gender or sex-based accommodations; [S. Con. Res. 33](#), which is the FY26 budget resolution passed in the Senate directing the House and Senate Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees to markup and advance legislation by May 15 providing \$70 billion to ICE and CBP; and the **Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567)**, which is the House's version of the Farm Bill. The House may also consider [H. Con. Res. 75](#), which directs the President to remove U.S. armed forces from hostilities with Iran.

The House will hold numerous committee hearings and markups throughout the week, including Appropriations Committee markups of the FY27 National Security-State and

Agriculture-Rural Development spending bills; House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce-Justice-Science and Subcommittee on Legislative Branch markups of those respective FY27 spending bills; a Financial Services Committee [hearing](#) on **Prioritizing Main Street: Evaluating the Impact of Capital Proposals on Economic Growth and American Communities**; a Judiciary Committee [hearing](#) on **The FACE Act and the Dangers of Federalizing Criminal Law**; a Ways and Means Committee [hearing](#) with **Health System CEOs**; an Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education [hearing](#) on **Leveling Down: How Equity Policies Undermine Excellence and Harm Students**; a Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection [hearing](#) on **Data Centers, Telecommunications Networks, and Space-Based Systems: Modernizing DHS's SRMA Role for the Communications and IT Sectors**; Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy [markup](#) on legislation related to **AI and the Grid: Meeting Growing Power Demand While Protecting Ratepayers**; an Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development [hearing](#) on **Speech or Silence? The Future of the First Amendment in Higher Education**; and an Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health [markup](#) on legislation related to **Healthier America: Legislative Proposals on the Regulation and Oversight of Food**.

The Senate also returns Monday and is scheduled to vote on the nomination of **Robert Cekada** to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Throughout the week, the chamber will hold numerous committee hearings and markups, including a Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution [hearing](#) to **examine Protecting American Citizenship III: Denaturalization and its Constitutional Limits**; a Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations [hearing](#) to **examine Biden Health Officials and COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Signals**; a Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee [hearing](#) to **examine the American Entrepreneurship for 250 Years: Driving Innovation, Growth, and Opportunity**; and eight hearings to review various parts of the President's FY2027 budget request.

Week in Review

[Capitol agenda: WHCD attack jolts Mike Johnson's big week](#)

[Senate votes to kickstart partisan funding process for ICE. Here's how that works](#)

[GOP Defections Prompt House Leaders to Pull American Broadband Deployment Act Vote](#)

[House OKs bill to roll back federal green building standards](#)

[House Passes FIRE Act Allowing Prescribed Burns](#)

[HEATS Act to Streamline Geothermal Permitting Passes House](#)

[The MAHA revolt threatening the farm bill](#)

[White House mulls using Defense Production Act in Spirit Airlines takeover](#)

[DOJ aims to strip citizenship from hundreds of foreign-born Americans, sources say](#)

[Florida's DeSantis unveils a voting map that could add to Trump's GOP redistricting](#)

[Virginia voters OK a Democratic effort to redraw the state's congressional map](#)

[Trump pick to lead CISA withdraws nomination](#)

[Analilia Mejia sworn in, filling Sherrill's seat and narrowing GOP House majority](#)

[Florida Democrat Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, facing possible expulsion, resigns](#)
