

LEGISLATIVE BOXSCORE

LEGISLATIVE ISSUE	HOUSE	SENATE	FINAL	ABA POSITION
<p>Criminal Justice. S. 328 and H.R. 968 would confer jurisdiction on the U.S. district courts to provide declaratory and injunctive relief against systemic violation of the right of counsel. S. 330 and H.R. 969 would establish a federal Defender Office for Supreme Court Advocacy to ensure right to counsel. S. 573 would establish a National Criminal Justice Commission.</p>	<p>H.R. 968 and H.R. 969 were referred to the House Judiciary Cmte. on 2/7/17.</p>	<p>S. 328 and S. 330 were referred to the Senate Judiciary Cmte. on 2/7/17. S. 573 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Cmte. on 3/8/17.</p>		<p>Supports federal sentencing reform to address explosive growth in prison population and costs. Supports JJDPa and Second Chance Act reauthorization. Supports funding for federal and state indigent defense programs. Supports certain civil asset forfeiture reforms.</p>
<p>Federal Courts. P.L. 114-113 (H.R. 2029), included \$6.78 billion for the federal judiciary in FY 2016. P.L. 114-254 (H.R. 2028), extends current funding through 4/28/17. H.R. 720 and S. 237 would amend federal rules to require mandatory imposition of sanctions for lawyers who file non-meritorious lawsuits. H.R. 985 would amend federal rules regarding class actions. Numerous proposals would split the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.</p>	<p>House passed H.R. 985 on 3/9/17 and H.R. 720 on 3/10/17. Judiciary subc. held a hearing on splitting the Ninth Circuit on 3/16/17.</p>	<p>S. 237 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Cmte. on 1/30/17.</p>	<p>President signed P.L. 114-113 (H.R. 2029) on 12/18/15. President signed P.L. 114-254 (H.R. 2028) on 12/10/16.</p>	<p>Supports adequate judicial resources and opposes efforts to infringe on separation of powers or undermine the judiciary.</p>
<p>Immigration. The president issued executive orders on 1/25/17, and 1/27/17 followed by a revised executive order 3/6/17 on border security, immigration enforcement, and visa and refugee programs. Federal judges temporarily blocked the orders nationwide that suspended entry from majority-Muslim countries.</p>				<p>Supports improvements in the immigration court and adjudication system. Opposes mandatory detention and supports alternatives to detention. Supports access to counsel and due process safeguards.</p>
<p>Legal Services Corporation (LSC). P.L. 114-113 (H.R. 2029), included \$385 million for LSC in FY 2016. P.L. 114-254 (H.R. 2028) extends current LSC funding level through 4/28/17. President's FY 2018 budget blueprint issued on 3/16/17 includes no funding for LSC.</p>			<p>President signed P.L. 114-113 (H.R. 2029) on 12/18/15 and P.L. 114-254 (H.R. 2028) on 12/10/16.</p>	<p>Supports an independent, well-funded LSC.</p>