

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.</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.</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), consolidated fiscal year 2016 appropriations legislation, included \$6.78 billion for the federal judiciary. P.L. 114-254 (H.R. 2028), continuing fiscal year 2017 appropriations legislation, 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 action certification.</p>	<p>Judiciary Cmte. approved H.R. 985 on 2/15/17. Judiciary Cmte. approved H.R. 720 on 2/2/17.</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 on border security, immigration enforcement, and visa and refugee programs. A federal appeals court judge temporarily blocked the order nationwide that suspended entry from seven 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), consolidated fiscal year 2016 appropriations legislation, included \$385 million for LSC. P.L. 114-254 (H.R. 2028), continuing fiscal year 2017 appropriations legislation, extends current LSC funding through 4/28/17.</p>			<p>President signed P.L. 114-113 (H.R. 2029) on 12/18/15. President signed 114-254 (H.R. 2028) on 12/10/16.</p>	<p>Supports an independent, well-funded LSC.</p>