

## LEGISLATIVE BOXSCORE

LEGISLATIVE ISSUE	HOUSE	SENATE	FINAL	ABA POSITION
<p><b>Criminal Justice.</b> S. 330 and H.R. 969 would establish a federal Defender Office for Supreme Court Advocacy to ensure right to counsel. H.R. 1809 and S. 860 would revise and reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A). H.R. 2480, H.R. 2473, S. 1311 and S. 1312 are aimed at combating human trafficking.</p>	<p>H.R. 969 was referred to the Judiciary Cmte. on 2/7/17. House passed H.R. 1809 on 5/23/17. House passed H.R. 2473 on 5/23/17. Judiciary Cmte. approved H.R. 2480 on 6/28/17.</p>	<p>S. 330 was referred to the Judiciary Cmte. on 2/7/17. S. 860 was referred to the Judiciary Cmte. on 4/5/17. Judiciary Cmte. approved S. 1311 and S. 1312 on 6/29/17.</p>		<p><b>Supports JJDP A and Second Chance Act reauthorization. Supports funding for federal and state indigent defense programs. Supports certain civil asset forfeiture reforms. Supports bills to combat human trafficking.</b></p>
<p><b>Federal Courts.</b> 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. H.R. 2266 would convert 14 temporary bankruptcy judgeships to permanent status and authorize four new permanent bankruptcy judgeships.</p>	<p>House passed H.R. 985 on 3/9/17 and H.R. 720 on 3/10/17. A Judiciary subcommittee held a hearing on splitting the Ninth Circuit on 3/16/17. House passed H.R. 2266 on 5/17/17.</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><b>Supports adequate judicial resources and opposes efforts to infringe on separation of powers or undermine the judiciary.</b></p>
<p><b>Immigration.</b> 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, but Supreme Court allowed refugee ban to go forward with certain exceptions.</p>				<p><b>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.</b></p>
<p><b>Legal Services Corporation (LSC).</b> President's FY 2018 budget issued on 5/23/17 included no funding for LSC, which is currently funded at \$385 million under P.L. 115-31 (H.R. 244).</p>	<p>Approps. Cmte. approved \$300 million for LSC on 7/13/17.</p>	<p>Senate Approps. subc. approved \$385 million for LSC on 7/25/17.</p>	<p>President signed P.L. 115-31 (H.R. 244) on 5/5/17.</p>	<p><b>Supports an independent, well-funded LSC.</b></p>