

LEGISLATIVE BOXSCORE

LEGISLATIVE ISSUE	HOUSE	SENATE	FINAL	ABA POSITION
<p>Criminal Justice. 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). H.R. 2480, H.R. 2473, S. 1311 and S. 1312 are aimed at combating human trafficking. H.R. 510 and S. 139 would establish a system for the use of Rapid DNA.</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. House passed H.R. 510 on 5/16/17.</p>	<p>S. 330 was referred to the Judiciary Cmte. on 2/7/17. Senate passed S. 860 and H.R. 510 on 8/1/17. Senate passed S. 1311 and S. 1312 on 9/11/17.</p>	<p>President signed P.L. 115-50 (H.R. 510) on 8/18/17.</p>	<p>Supports JJDP 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. Supports prompt collection and testing of DNA evidence.</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, but Supreme Court allowed refugee ban to go forward with certain exceptions. The president announced he is phasing out the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program by March 2018.</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). 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>House approved \$300 million for LSC on 9/14/17.</p>	<p>Senate Approps. Cmte approved \$385 million for LSC on 7/27/17.</p>	<p>President signed P.L. 115-31 (H.R. 244) on 5/5/17.</p>	<p>Supports an independent, well-funded LSC.</p>
<p>Tort Reform. H.R. 1215 would preempt state medical liability laws to impose caps on non-economic damages and place limits on contingency fees. H.R. 985 would limit the ability of victims to file class action lawsuits. H.R. 720 would require mandatory monetary sanctions against lawyers who file non-meritorious lawsuits.</p>	<p>House passed H.R. 1215 on 6/28/17. House passed H.R. 985 on 3/9/17. House passed H.R. 720 on 3/10/17.</p>			<p>Opposes the bills. Opposes preemption of state medical liability laws and the bypassing of the Rules Enabling Act to amend the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.</p>