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Aerospace & Defense

[Biden to sign Defense Production Act directives targeting hypersonics \(C4ISRNET\)](#)

President Joe Biden is poised to sign two directives that would allow the U.S. Department of Defense to invest in its hypersonic weapons industrial base as adversaries demonstrate advanced capabilities. As China and Russia tout recent progress in developing hypersonic weapons, which are unique in their ability to maneuver at speeds higher than Mach 5, the Pentagon wants to address potential supply chain disruption in key technology areas. Michael White, principal director for hypersonics in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, said Tuesday that the presidential directives “about to be signed” that would enable the Pentagon to invest Defense Production Act Title III funds to bolster hypersonic engine and guidance and control subsystem suppliers. Speaking during a virtual July 12 Executive Mosaic forum, White said there are “a number of different industrial base investment mechanisms that are being leveraged and being actually enhanced for hypersonic activities.” The department’s five-year spending plan for hypersonic programs is just under \$25 billion for efforts ranging from early research to prototyping to fielding.

[Biden Warns Iran That US Won’t Wait ‘Forever’ on Nuclear Deal](#)

[US, Israel sign joint anti-Iran nuclear declaration \(Al Jazeera\)](#)

United States President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid have reiterated their anti-Iran positions in a joint declaration committing to preventing Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons. The two leaders signed the statement earlier after holding a one-on-one meeting on Thursday morning in West Jerusalem on the second day of Biden’s four-day Middle East tour, followed by a virtual summit with the leaders of India and the United Arab Emirates. The statement says that the US will use “all elements of national power” available to it to deny Iran the ability to arm itself with nuclear weapons. The joint declaration also includes a pledge by Washington to continue US military aid to Israel. A record 10-year \$38bn aid package was signed in 2016 under the administration of former US President Barack Obama when Biden was vice president. Speaking at a news conference following the signing, both Biden and Lapid spoke of their support for the US-Israeli relationship, and the perceived threat from Iran. “The only way to stop a nuclear Iran is if Iran knows the free world will use force,” Lapid said. Biden, meanwhile, said that he believed diplomacy was the best way to prevent Iran from achieving nuclear weapons but reiterated what he said was a “guarantee” to provide security for Israel.

[Lockheed hypersonic weapon moves to next phase after US Air Force test](#)

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[Ukraine's new US rockets are causing fresh problems for Russia \(CNN\)](#)

There's a new and potentially very significant factor in the Ukrainian conflict: the Ukrainians' ability to use recently supplied Western systems to hit Russian command posts, logistical hubs and ammunition dumps a long way beyond the front lines. In the past week, there have been enormous explosions in several occupied areas in the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions. The available evidence, from satellite imagery and Western analysts, is that the targeting has been highly effective. For months the Ukrainian military pleaded for long-range precision artillery and rocket systems from Western partners. Now they have them and are deploying them to considerable effect in both the south and east of the country. The Ukrainian military is not giving away many specifics but Vadim Denysenko, a senior official at the Interior Ministry, said Wednesday that in the past two weeks, "above all things thanks to the weapons that Ukraine received, we were able to destroy approximately two dozen warehouses with weapons and stocks of fuel and lubricants. This will certainly affect the intensity of fire" the Russians can muster, he said.

Budget & Appropriations

[House passes \\$839B defense bill, swatting down Biden's military plans \(POLITICO\)](#)

The House approved sweeping defense policy legislation on Thursday that marks the second straight year Democrats and Republicans endorsed significant increases to President Joe Biden's Pentagon spending plan. The \$839 billion National Defense Authorization Act, approved in a 329-101 vote, is \$37 billion more than the administration sought in military spending. On top of the budget, the bill also rebukes several of Biden's national security plans. Members maintained a nuclear cruise missile the administration planned to scrap, hampered F-16 sales to Turkey and limited the number of aircraft and ships the Pentagon can retire. In a bipartisan blowout, 180 Democrats and 149 Republicans joined forces to pass legislation, which authorizes Pentagon spending levels and sets overarching military policy. "It is the definition of a bipartisan bill," said Rep. Mike Rogers of Alabama, the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee.

[Inflation hit 9.1% in June, highest rate in more than 40 years](#)



[Federal Spending Transparency: OIGs Identified a Variety of Issues with the Quality of Agencies' Data Submissions \(GAO\)](#)

Offices of Inspector General (OIG) reported a variety of issues with the quality of agencies' data submissions under the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act). Most (45 of 57) OIGs reported that the overall quality levels of data agencies submitted were “excellent” or “higher” based on a combination of scores from statistical and non-statistical test results. Some OIGs reported that their agencies' overall data quality levels were “moderate” or “lower.” Many (31 of 57) OIGs reported that their agencies had

COVID-19 outlays, and 23 of these reported that their agencies' overall data quality levels were excellent or higher quality. Based on the OIGs' statistical tests results, agencies' financial and award data were more complete than they were accurate or timely. Based on the non-statistical test results, most OIGs reported their agencies submitted data on time, but many reported issues with linking financial and award data. Some OIGs reported issues with the completeness of agencies' summary-level data (e.g., appropriations account balances, program activity, and object class) and with the completeness, accuracy, and timeliness of COVID-19 outlay data. In addition, 37 OIGs reported their agencies had accuracy errors in monetary data elements, such as Obligation and Current Total Value of Award, and 41 OIGs reported that some accuracy errors were not within their agencies' control.

[Manchin says he won't support new climate spending or tax hikes on wealthy](#)

[Scoop: Raimondo wants to "cleave off" CHIPS Act and pass standalone bill \(Axios\)](#)

The Biden administration is open to cutting bait on an expansive China competitiveness bill and encouraging Congress to focus solely on passing some \$52 billion for the semiconductor industry before leaving for August recess. In an interview with Axios, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said the country doesn't have the luxury of waiting for the House and Senate to hash out all the differences on their competing versions of the stalled legislation. "Cleave off the CHIPS and pass it," Raimondo said, referring to the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Act. "There's a real time urgency there, because these chip companies are making their decisions right now about where to expand," she said, while also raising the importance of the Investment Tax Credits, a roughly \$10 billion provision that has broad support in both chambers.

Advanced Technologies

[First Laser Weapon For A Fighter Delivered To The Air Force \(The Warzone\)](#)

The U.S. Air Force has received a high-energy laser weapon that can be carried by aircraft in podded form. The news came today when Lockheed Martin disclosed that at least one of the weapons, which it developed, has been delivered to the Air Force for test work. This effort falls within the wider framework of still-evolving plans to have laser-armed fighter jets that can engage enemy missiles, and possibly other targets too. A report today from Breaking Defense confirmed that Lockheed Martin delivered its LANCE high-energy laser weapon to the Air Force in February this year. In this context, LANCE stands for "Laser Advancements for Next-generation Compact Environments." The recipient for the new weapon is the Air Force Research Laboratory, or AFRL, which is charged with developing and integrating new technologies in the air, space, and cyberspace realms. Tyler Griffin, a Lockheed executive, had previously told reporters that LANCE "is the smallest, lightest,

high-energy laser of its power class that Lockheed Martin has built to date.”

[Navy Prints Metal Parts on the High Seas](#)

[Into the 'outernet': Secure 'internet in space' key to future Space Force hybrid architecture \(Breaking Defense\)](#)

The Pentagon has taken the first steps toward a future “hybrid space architecture” comprising military and commercial satellites in multiple orbits, moving to design a foundational cyber-protected network integration capability — i.e., a hack-proof (or close to it anyway) “internet in space,” officials say. The hybrid space architecture concept is an outgrowth of Space Force chief Gen. Jay Raymond’s 2020 “Vision for Enterprise Satellite Communications,” first reported by Breaking Defense. And while various experimental efforts to validate the concept of a space-based internet for military users have been ongoing since then, the Defense Department and the Space Force only recently have fully embraced the concept and moved to coordinate a holistic effort to design and develop the capabilities need to substantiate it. The Space Force’s Space Warfighting Analysis Center (SWAC), DoD’s Defense Innovation Unit (DIU), the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) and the Space Development Agency (SDA) now are cooperating in this potentially revolutionary effort, officials involved told Breaking Defense, which in turn will be a key to enabling Joint All Domain Command and Control (JADC2) for future high-speed, information-centric warfare across the air, land, sea, space and cyber domains. The concept would see concentric circles of satellite communications (SATCOM) networks — highly encrypted military constellations, slightly less secure SATCOM provided by allies, and unclassified commercial constellations.

[Merlin Labs Raises \\$105 Million To Solve The Pilot Shortage By Robotizing Airplanes](#)

[Navy demonstrates new, improved breathing device for air crew training \(NAVAIR\)](#)

The Naval Aviation Training Systems and Ranges program office (PMA-205) recently completed installation and demonstrated the new Mask on Breathing Device (MOBD) trainer July 7 at Patuxent River. The MOBD trainer allows tactical jet aviators to experience unique breathing-related distress symptoms that may occur during flight, which could lead to potential Physiological Episodes (PE), one of the Navy’s top safety concerns. Flight Physiologist Lt. Tyler Grubic demonstrated the effect of the different breathing distress profiles on subject Electronic Warfare Systems Specialist 1 Shawn Bell. On hand for the demonstration were NAVAIR Commander Vice Adm. Carl Chebi, Deputy Program Executive Officer for Aviation Common Systems and Commercial Services Marci Spiotta and members of the PMA-205 Naval Aviation Survival Training Program (NASTP) team. “When I speak of the importance of why we do what we do at NAVAIR this is exactly it;

ensuring we prepare our naval aviators before they get to the fleet and bring our sons and daughters safely home,” said Chebi.

Military Installations & Communities

[Air Force Promotes Fewest Tech Sergeants in a Decade \(Air Force Magazine\)](#)

A few days after warning that promotion rates for enlisted noncommissioned officers were likely to drop over the next several years, the Air Force Personnel Center announced the statistics from the 22E6 Air Force promotion cycle July 12—with the fewest number of Airmen getting promoted to technical sergeant in at least a decade. All told, 5,430 staff sergeants were tapped to become tech sergeants, AFPC said in a release. The total number of those promoted represents a dramatic decline from 2021, when 9,422 Airmen were selected. At least 7,500 staff sergeants had been selected in each of the previous seven years, and even in leaner years such as 2014 and 2013, at least 5,500 Airmen were promoted. By comparison, the 2022 cycle had 33,935 eligible candidates, making for a promotion rate of 16 percent. From 2015 on, though, promotion rates for technical sergeant stayed consistently above 20 percent, sometimes exceeding 30 percent. But such numbers are unlikely in the near future, the service has warned, as a result of high retention amid the COVID-19 pandemic, end strength numbers plateauing, and recent enlisted grade structure revisions. In particular, leaders say the grade structure revisions were necessary to combat a decline in experience among Airmen in the NCO corps.



[155,000 Military Health System Patients to Be Pushed to Civilian Care Starting This Year](#)

[Space Command's Move to Alabama Clears Environmental Hurdle, Nearing Final Approval \(Military.com\)](#)

An environmental review has found no problems with the proposed Huntsville site for a new U.S. Space Command headquarters clearing what could be the last major official hurdle for the new command to move to Alabama, U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville said today. A public comment period follows during which Colorado officials are expected to continue their fight to keep the command at its startup site of Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs. After comments, the secretary of the air force will make the final base decision. That will likely finally choose Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal as the headquarters site, Alabama leaders say. "The study confirms that Huntsville is the best choice for Space Command," Tuberville told Alabama reporters in his weekly briefing. "We look forward to seeing the process (play out) in the next 30-day comment period and we look forward to Space Command coming to Huntsville and being the home to Space Command in the very near future."

[Sailors Filing Sexual Assault Reports to Get More Options Under New Changes](#)

[VA reaching out to veterans, builders in effort to award more adapted housing grants \(Military Times\)](#)

Federal officials want to fix up more disabled veterans' homes, but first they need more construction experts and more projects to work on. The Department of Veterans Affairs handed out more than 2,300 Specially Adapted Housing grants last fiscal year, a record for the program. But grant chief Jason Latona believes the effort can expand even further in coming years, if officials can make more veterans and home builders aware of the offering. "We kind of see ourselves as ambassadors for our veterans to the construction industry," he said. "And we try to make that connection whenever we can. "Our builders and veterans both go into the projects with open eyes realizing that this work will be different, probably be a little dirty and messy, but we're ready for it."

Homeland Security

[Scoop: ICE is short \\$345 million, poised to spend more than ever \(Axios\)](#)

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will run out of money before October unless the Department of Homeland Security pulls millions of dollars from other programs, as the surge of migrants at the border drives up costs, three sources familiar with the details tell Axios. ICE is one of the most controversial government agencies and a target for progressives because of its role in arresting and detaining undocumented immigrants. But under President Biden, it's poised to spend more taxpayer funds than ever as it closes an estimated \$345 million shortfall for the current fiscal year. Around \$100 million is expected to come from the Coast Guard budget, two sources told Axios. Around \$80 million might be achieved by moving existing ICE funds around internally. ICE's request for more cash is the largest — but not the only — within DHS. The massive reprogramming

plan took congressional offices by surprise, two of the sources said.

[House approves measure to monitor white supremacy in military, law enforcement](#)

[2 men charged in separate alleged human smuggling cases \(ABC News\)](#)

Two men have been charged in separate incidents for allegedly attempting to smuggle more than 70 migrants each through a border patrol checkpoint in Texas, weeks after the deadliest human trafficking incident in U.S. history. The departments of Justice and Homeland Security claim that Menietto Lateet Crawford, 41, and Denny Fuentes, 41, attempted to smuggle migrants across the border on June 14 and 15, respectively. The men were also each charged with conspiracy. The cases are nearly identical to the incident that killed more than 50 migrants near San Antonio on June 27, when dozens were found dead in a tractor-trailer. Though the charges against Crawford and Fuentes are similar, the cases are not related. Crawford allegedly had 80 people in a refrigerated truck, according to the Department of Justice. A K-9 found migrants inside of the vehicle when Crawford arrived at the Border Patrol checkpoint in Laredo, Texas, on June 14.

[DHS review board says it could take years to fix government software vulnerability](#)

[U.S. charges two Homeland Security workers in Chinese spying scheme \(Reuters\)](#)

U.S. prosecutors charged two men tied to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as part of what federal law enforcement officials have called a "transnational repression scheme" on behalf of the Chinese government to spy on and harass dissidents living in the United States. Asked for comment, a spokesman for China's embassy in Washington said it was "not aware of the specific situation" but that Beijing "firmly opposes acts by the U.S. that groundlessly malign and smear China." The two men charged were Craig Miller, who has worked as a DHS deportation officer for 15 years in Minnesota, and Derrick Taylor, a retired DHS law enforcement agent now working as a private investigator in California, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Thursday. On Wednesday, a grand jury returned an indictment charging the two men and three others with crimes committed while acting as alleged Chinese agents, the department said in a statement.

Transportation & Infrastructure

[Advanced E.V. Batteries Move From Labs to Mass Production \(New York Times\)](#)

For years, scientists in laboratories from Silicon Valley to Boston have been searching for

an elusive potion of chemicals, minerals and metals that would allow electric vehicles to recharge in minutes and travel hundreds of miles between charges, all for a much lower cost than batteries available now. Now a few of those scientists and the companies they founded are approaching a milestone. They are building factories to produce next-generation battery cells, allowing carmakers to begin road testing the technologies and determine whether they are safe and reliable. The factory operations are mostly limited in scale, designed to perfect manufacturing techniques. It will be several years before cars with the high-performance batteries appear in showrooms, and even longer before the batteries are available in moderately priced cars. But the beginning of assembly-line production offers the tantalizing prospect of a revolution in electric mobility. If the technologies can be mass-produced, electric vehicles could compete with fossil-fuel-powered vehicles for convenience and undercut them on price. Harmful emissions from automobile traffic could be substantially reduced. The inventors of the technologies could easily become billionaires — if they aren't already.

[U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate of 4.1% in June 2022 Was Below the June 2021 Level of 6.2% And Was The Same As the Pre-Pandemic June Level of 4.1% in 2019](#)



[Dish says SpaceX 'manipulated' tests and lied to customers about 5G interference \(The Verge\)](#)

Dish says SpaceX has been lying to customers about how a plan to expand the use of certain airwaves for 5G could disrupt its Starlink internet-from-space service. SpaceX sent a “manipulated filing” to the Federal Communications Commission in an attempt to prove the expanded 5G usage would lead to substantial interference, writes Dish and a group of other companies known as the 5G for 12 GHz Coalition. They write that SpaceX is conducting “a public misinformation campaign” against 5G. “This tactic, which is commonly

used by Elon Musk, is not only disingenuous, but it promulgates an anti-5G narrative that is harmful to American consumers who deserve greater competition, connectivity options and innovation,” the Coalition writes in a statement published today. The dispute is over whether Dish and other companies should be allowed to use a band of radio frequencies known as the 12GHz spectrum for 5G. SpaceX currently relies on this spectrum as a “workhorse” for its Starlink service and says that interference from 5G over 12GHz would “make Starlink unusable” for most Americans. Currently, SpaceX has more than 2,400 Starlink satellites in orbit, which beam broadband internet coverage to approximately 400,000 users, according to the company.

[President Joe Biden’s broadband billions are finally making their way to rural communities](#)

[Qualcomm, Ericsson and Thales look to make 5G available everywhere \(Tech Republic\)](#)

Qualcomm Technologies, Ericsson and French aerospace company Thales announced on July 11, 2022 their intention to work together with the goal of making 5G connections everywhere through the use of space. This objective is to be accomplished by making 5G globally available through use of combined satellite and terrestrial connectivity. The announcement comes on the heels of the March 2022 go-ahead by 3GPP Global Telecommunications Standards’ Body to support non-terrestrial networks for the first time. “For 5G to fulfill the promise of ubiquitous connectivity, it is imperative that it can also deliver network coverage in areas where terrestrial cellular networks do not exist, whether that be over oceans or in remote areas,” said John Smee, senior vice president of engineering at Qualcomm. “Our planned research with Ericsson and Thales will kick off an important step in making this vital technology a reality. We are looking forward to what this collaboration can accomplish.”

Biotechnology & Healthcare

[White House begins booster push chasing BA.5 subvariant \(Axios\)](#)

The U.S. is facing a summertime wave of COVID-19. But some public health experts worry the Biden administration is tiptoeing around the problem. The White House COVID-19 team on Tuesday outlined a strategy for managing the subvariant, and officials urged eligible people to get booster shots now instead of waiting for the fall, Axios’ Oriana Gonzalez reports. The administration stopped short of expanding eligibility for boosters, which are now limited to people 50 and older and immunocompromised individuals ages 12 and up. Federal officials are weighing whether to broaden eligibility to all adults within the next two weeks, per the Washington Post, but want to avoid conflicts with a planned fall vaccination campaign built around vaccines updated for Omicron subvariants. Some health experts question whether it’s wise to give frequent booster doses to the general population, noting possible health risks and how the strategy could mislead the public

about what vaccines can and can't do. White House COVID-19 response coordinator Ashish Jha said Tuesday that overall, it is up to the FDA and the CDC to confirm that people who get boosted now can do so again in the fall, but that the data so far suggests that "getting vaccinated will not preclude you from getting a variant-specific vaccine later this fall or winter."

[Demand for monkeypox vaccine overwhelms NYC system](#)

[Army's New Plan to 'Transform' Soldier Health Care with Technology \(Defense One\)](#)

The Army wants to dramatically change the way it provides health care to soldiers by accelerating research in a variety of emerging technologies, from using quantum computing that can better detect and treat chronic illnesses to developing synthetic blood, according to newly released plans. Army Futures Command, charged with synchronizing the service's modernization efforts, outlined how the Army plans to update its health system and overall approach to medicine across six critical areas, from training to policy, by 2035. The goal of the strategy, which is dated May but was released Thursday, is to "fundamentally transform" the Army Health System to one that integrates autonomous technologies and predictive artificial intelligence tools to improve decision making, Lt. Gen. James Richardson, acting commanding general for Army Futures Command, wrote in the document's introduction.

[New Breast Cancer Drugs on NHS to Benefit Thousands](#)

[FDA gives emergency use authorization to Novavax's Covid-19 vaccine \(CNN\)](#)

The US Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday authorized Novavax's Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use in adults. It is the fourth coronavirus vaccine available in the United States, and it uses a different type of vaccine technology than the shots already available. Novavax's vaccine will be available as two-dose primary series for people 18 and older. The FDA's independent Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee voted in favor of authorization of the vaccine June 7, saying that the benefits of the vaccine outweigh its risks for adults. It is also being used in 170 other countries. The shots can't be administered until the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's independent vaccine advisers weigh in on whether to recommend the vaccine and the CDC director has signed off on the recommendation. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is scheduled to meet July 19. Unlike some other Covid-19 shots, Novavax's vaccine can be stored in standard refrigeration.

Climate & Development

[Energy Department to fund initiatives focused on 'barriers' to clean energy tech \(The Hill\)](#)

The Energy Department on Thursday is announcing that it will put money toward addressing challenges of the deployment of clean energy technologies. These projects, funded through a \$18.4 million commercialization fund, aim to address “barriers, gaps, and root causes” of commercializing these technologies. While the department selects Technology Commercialization Fund projects each year, an energy official told The Hill that this year the department was taking a “new approach” that doesn’t target specific kinds of energy like wind or solar, but rather takes on issues that span different types of energy. These include projects that target manufacturing, startups, the semiconductor sector and cultivating talent and connections, through the nation’s national laboratories. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said in a statement that bolstering these kinds of technologies will help the government combat climate change. “Accelerating how quickly we get novel technologies to the marketplace will allow us to deploy the clean energy sources needed to combat climate change, lower energy costs, and keep us on course to reaching President Biden’s decarbonization goals,” she said.

[Biden weighs breaking climate pledges to win Manchin’s support on bill](#)

[Climate Change And The Military: Operational Hurdle Or Opportunity To Improve Mission Effectiveness \(Forbes\)](#)

In the face of growing geopolitical tensions and the potential expansion of alliances such as NATO, climate change may not be the highest operational priority for the world’s militaries right now. For most, the impacts of climate change—drought, sea-level rise and extreme weather—are likely seen as operational stumbling blocks that can be overcome by building the overall resiliency and adaptability of their armies. But what if prioritizing climate change could help militaries increase the chance of success for each mission? By viewing plans and operations through a climate lens, militaries could not only better understand the operational environment of a mission, but also uncover new opportunities to enhance mission success.

[Americans Divided Over Direction of Biden’s Climate Change Policies](#)



[Texas grid takes emergency actions to avoid blackouts amid heatwave \(Reuters\)](#)

Texas's power grid operator on Wednesday took emergency measures to avoid rolling blackouts as soaring electricity demand threatened to outpace available supplies amid a stifling heatwave. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), which operates the grid that serves more than 26 million customers, initiated a rarely used emergency program that is triggered when supplies fall below a critical safety margin. Earlier, ERCOT had urged residents to cut power use during the hottest hours of the day and warned of a risk for rolling blackouts. Residents were asked to turn up thermostats, defer the use of

high-power appliances and turn off swimming pool pumps. The emergency notice came after ERCOT began paying suppliers an average of \$5,000 per megawatt hour to keep generators running. That price is the highest the grid operator pays. "They were pulling a lot of levers to avoid going into emergency operations and rolling blackouts," said Doug Lewin, president of consultants Stoic Energy LLC.

Next Week's Hearings

Armed Services Committees

HASC:

- **Tuesday, July 19th at 9:30AM EST:** [Subcommittee on Readiness Hearing: "Fiscal Year 2023 Readiness Program Update"](#). **OPEN.** Room 2118 Rayburn HOB.
 - **Witnesses:**
 - General Joseph M. Martin, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army
 - Vice Admiral Randy Crites, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Capabilities and Resources, United States Navy
 - General Eric M. Smith, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps
 - General David W. Allvin, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
 - General David D. Thompson, Vice Chief of Space Operations, United State Space Force

SASC: None Listed

Defense Appropriations Subcommittees

House: None Listed

Senate: None Listed

Homeland Security Committees

House:

- **Tuesday, July 19th at 9:00AM EST:** [Supporting Underserved Communities in Emergency Management](#)
 - **Witnesses:**
 - Ms. Barbara Ammirati, Senior Advisor, Child Protection, Save the Children
 - Ms. Marcie Roth, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, World Institute on Disability
 - Ms. Denise Bottcher, Louisiana State Director, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
 - Mr. Preston Bowlin, Emergency Management Director, Emergency Management Division, Marion County (minority witness)

- **Wednesday, July 20th at 9:30AM EST:** [The Changing Election Security Landscape: Threats to Election Officials and Infrastructure](#)

- **Witnesses:** None Listed

Senate:

- **Tuesday, July 19th at 10:00AM EST:** [Addressing Weapons of Mass Destruction and Health Security Threats to the Homeland](#)
 - **Witnesses:**
 - Gary Rasicot, Acting Assistant Secretary, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - Pritesh Gandhi, M.D., MPH, Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - Tina Won Sherman, PH.D., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, U.S. Government Accountability Office

- **Thursday, July 21st at 10:15AM EST:** [Nomination of the Honorable David P. Pekoske to be Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)

- **Witnesses:** None Listed

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