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# Executive Insight Brief

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## View From The Hill

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With both chambers adjourned for the Memorial Day recess, Capitol Hill was relatively quiet this week, though that certainly did not prevent Congress from making news. Amidst President Trump lashing out at Russian President Vladimir Putin for mounting severe missile and drone attacks against Ukraine, the Senate GOP took the opportunity to call for renewed sanctions against Moscow. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) **joined** a growing chorus of those agitating for additional sanctions to punish Putin, and Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) has indicated he is willing to move a bipartisan bill to do just that. Thune has also been careful, however, not to get out in front of the White House, leaving Senate Democrats frustrated at the slow-moving pace of action against Russia.

Now that the House has sent President Trump's "one big, beautiful bill" over to the Senate, the massive legislative package is set to undergo changes. Conservatives are **eager** to make additional spending cuts in the legislation, although moderates like Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) are firmly against reductions in Medicaid coverage and repeals of Biden-era renewable energy incentives. All of this is happening within the context that the bill must stick to strict Senate rules on reconciliation that Thune must stick to if he continues to box out Senate Democrats and pass the bill on a party-line vote. Moreover, whatever changes are made will also need to pass the House, where Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) was just barely able to cobble together enough votes to pass his own version of the bill. Given the many moving parts and governing realities facing the Trump-GOP agenda, it remains unlikely that we will see the bill pass the Senate before Independence Day—a self-imposed deadline by Thune.

The White House **submitted** what is known as a "recissions" package to Capitol Hill, outlining \$9.4 billion in cuts that are a small part of the overall spending slash from the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Congressional leaders have been growing frustrated with the administration over a lack of information on funds that have already been appropriated by Congress but have remained unspent or otherwise cancelled by DOGE. It is

estimated that total DOGE cuts amount to approximately \$1.6 trillion.

Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), who infamously **held** up military promotions during the Biden administration, **announced** a run for governor of Alabama this week, creating an open Senate seat in the Yellowhammer State in next year's midterm election cycle.

Former Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY) **died** at the age of 94 on Monday. Rangel was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and served as Chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee from 2007–2010, until being forced to step aside amidst a House Ethics Committee investigation and subsequent House censure. Rangel served 23 terms in the House.

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## Pentagon News

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Donald Trump has **offered** his proposed "Golden Dome" missile defense system to Canada for free if Canada becomes the 51st U.S. state. Otherwise, he **states** it would cost \$61 billion. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has vehemently rejected the proposition, **responding** that America's northern neighbor is "not for sale" and "won't be for sale, ever." Trump, undeterred, **countered** with "never say never."

These annexation proposals are the latest in a series of escalating criticisms from Trump aimed at Canada. He has repeatedly **accused** Canada of free riding on American military might and preferential trade ties, even imposing steep tariffs on Canadian imports, instigating a tariff battle. Trump's continued

pursuit of Canadian annexation carries significant implications for the long-standing U.S.-Canada relationship. The Prime Minister **warned** that the U.S. should stop taking Canada for granted and has begun **searching** for other security partners.

From a strategic standpoint, Canada's vast 4 million square miles of territory and critical northern airspace would be indispensable for the Golden Dome's comprehensive effectiveness, particularly in sensing and disarming missile threats originating from the north. Canada would need to outfit its territory with more radars and interceptors, an expensive investment.

While geopolitical tensions escalate at Canada's border, domestic vulnerabilities are coming into sharp focus, as the United States faces a deepening crisis within its own cybersecurity agency.

A **mass resignation** at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is shaking up the nation's top cybersecurity watchdog. Half the agency's leaders will step down by Friday, with nearly all top officials planning departures by next month. The turnover affects five of CISA's six core operational **divisions**. Senior officials in Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Security, Emergency Communications, and regional offices are among those leaving. "The loss of these leaders," Former CISA director Suzanne Spaulding **said**, "will leave the nation less secure and resilient."

The exit comes as the Trump administration **weighs** a 17 percent budget cut for the agency, a termination of 130 probationary employees, and the disbanding of advisory panels, including those investigating the Chinese **Salt Typhoon cyberattack**. Experts **warn** that budget cuts and staff reductions could significantly impair preparedness and defense against sophisticated cyberattacks.

CISA's remaining leadership maintains that the agency is committed to strengthening its cybersecurity posture. Acting Executive Director Bridget Bean **emphasized** the agency is "doubling down" on its mission, with the right team prepared to combat emerging threats. But as CISA scrambles to reorganize, the administration is under pressure to prove the agency can operate—and deliver—with fewer hands on deck.

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## Next Week's Hearings

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### Armed Services Committee

#### U.S. House of Representatives

- 6/4, 10:00 AM - Full Committee Hearing: Department of the Army Fiscal Year 2026 Posture

#### U.S. Senate

- 6/5, 9:30 AM - To receive testimony on the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program

### Appropriations Committee

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

- 6/4, 10:00 AM - Budget Hearing – Federal Aviation Administration
- 6/5, 11:00 AM - Budget Hearing – Fiscal Year 2026 Request for the Department of Commerce
- 6/5, 1:30 PM - Budget Hearing – Indian Health Service

### **U.S. Senate**

- 6/3, 10:00 AM - To examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Education
- 6/3, 2:30 PM - To examine proposed budget estimate for fiscal year 2026 for the Securities and Exchange Commission
- 6/4, 10:00 AM - A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request for the Department of Commerce
- 6/4, 2:30 PM - To examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the National Nuclear Security Administration

## **Homeland Security Committee**

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

- NONE

### **U.S. Senate**

- 6/5, 9:30 AM - Nominations of Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be National Cyber Director, Robert Law, of the District of Columbia, to be

Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, James Percival, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and Kevin Rhodes, of Florida, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, all of the Department of Homeland Security, and James Woodruff II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.



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