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Executive Insight Brief

Stay informed with The Roosevelt Group's Executive Insight Brief—your weekly roundup of key developments shaping federal policy, defense, and homeland security. Curated by our expert team, each issue delivers timely analysis and strategic context to help you stay ahead.

In this week's episode of *The Roosevelt Group Podcast*, Senior Advisors Dana Linnet and Brigadier General (Ret.) Duke DeLuca join us to unpack the recent escalation between Israel and Iran. They explore the geopolitical and military dimensions of the conflict, its implications for U.S. strategic interests, and what to watch for as the situation develops. Listen [here](#).

Notable Headlines

[Leavitt: Trump to decide on Iran action in next 2 weeks](#)

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[Mark Rutte DOGEs NATO with dozens of job cuts](#)

View From The Hill

The congressional calendar was abbreviated this week by the Juneteenth federal holiday, though Capitol Hill still saw plenty of activity while Members were in town. Following last weekend's horrific shootings of two state lawmakers and their spouses in Minnesota, Members of Congress across the political spectrum **called** for turning down the temperature on the heated political environment, as well as increased security for lawmakers. How to provide enhanced security for hundreds of Members of the House and Senate, particularly when they are spread out in their home states and districts, has long been a challenge, and it is unclear what may change. While the higher echelons of House and Senate leadership receive protective details from the U.S. Capitol Police, rank-and-file Members generally do not, unless law enforcement has identified a specific and credible threat to their safety.

With several recent high-profile clashes between Democratic elected officials and law enforcement at immigration detention facilities and field offices, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) **issued** new guidance this week outlining strict guidelines for official visits to its immigration-related facilities. The new directives drew prompt and expected criticism from Democrats, who argue that DHS is effectively shutting down their ability to conduct oversight over the Trump administration's immigration policies.

Like much of the nation, Congress is paying close attention to the

burgeoning conflict between Israel and Iran in the Middle East, as well as whether President Trump will directly involve the U.S. Military. Congress appears to be somewhat split on the issue, with Democrats **demanding** answers from the administration as to its strategy for the conflict and most—but not all—Republicans **supporting** limited U.S. involvement to take out Iran’s nuclear program.

As Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) eyes upcoming floor consideration of his version of budget reconciliation legislation, also known as the “One Big, Beautiful Bill,” there remains significant contention surrounding proposed **cuts** to Medicaid, the potential **sale** of millions of acres of public lands, and **reductions** for state and local tax deductions, among other sticking points. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the path forward for the legislation remains murky, with a number of GOP holdouts in both the House and Senate criticizing the current version of the bill.

The Senate **passed** major legislation governing cryptocurrencies tied to the dollar on Tuesday, sending the *GENIUS Act* to the House, where President Trump is urging lawmakers to quickly take up and pass the measure. The legislation marks first-in-the-nation guardrails for the burgeoning crypto market, allowing the U.S. Treasury to hold sweeping authority over the crypto market as a means of protecting consumers and the economy.

Pentagon News

Amid a rapidly escalating conflict between Israel and Iran, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on Monday **ordered** the deployment of “additional capabilities” to the Middle East. **Reports** indicate a surge in U.S. refueling aircraft to Europe, the expedited movement of the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group into the region, and the deployment of two U.S. destroyers to the eastern Mediterranean. Hegseth **stated** that the deployments aim to reinforce America’s defensive posture and protect American personnel in the region.

Supporters **argue** that deploying additional assets strengthens deterrence,

safeguards allies, and signals resolve in the face of Iranian aggression. The administration views the move as critical to maintaining global stability and preventing further escalation. Critics [caution](#) that such deployments could entangle the U.S. in another Middle Eastern conflict without a clearly defined endgame. They argue that bolstering the U.S. military footprint risks inflaming tensions, provoking retaliation, and undermining diplomatic efforts. As questions [remain](#) about the future of U.S. intervention in the region, the administration's posture reflects a calculated effort to signal resolve without direct engagement.

While attention remains focused on the Middle East, the Pentagon is simultaneously advancing strategic realignments elsewhere—most notably in the Arctic.

Greenland is officially being moved to the area of responsibility of U.S. Northern Command, a shift the Pentagon [says](#) will strengthen homeland defense and elevate the Arctic territory's role in U.S. strategy. The change, part of a broader review of the Unified Command Plan, reclassifies Greenland from a distant outpost under European Command to a key part of the U.S. security footprint in the High North. While largely expected, the move comes amid renewed interest in Greenland from President Trump, who has repeatedly said the U.S. should control the territory outright—remarks that have made European allies uneasy.

Though Tuesday's announcement made no mention of annexation, and officials avoided inflammatory language, concerns remain. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, [testifying](#) before Congress last week, refused to rule out military options when asked directly, insisting only that "the Pentagon should have plans for anything." Democrats pushed back hard, with Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA) saying, "I don't think the American people voted for President Trump because they were hoping we would invade Greenland." Whether symbolic or strategic, the move signals a new era for U.S. posture in the Arctic—one where Greenland is now front and center.

As the U.S. sharpens its strategic footprint in the Arctic, another theater, the Indo-Pacific, is seeing renewed urgency in technological integration and defense modernization.

On June 13th, the U.S. Army's Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, on behalf of the Guam Defense System Joint Project Office (GDS JPO) issued a [Request for White Papers](#) with the intent of awarding one or

more Other Transaction Agreements for Prototypes of a Joint Integrated Battle Manager (JIBM). Demand comes as the GDS JPO seeks a command-and-control system capable of integrating greater volumes of military data on sophisticated threats within the Indo-Pacific region. The JIBM system will be a solution to better unify strategy from multiple service and agency data components. Aiming for a 12-month schedule, the Pentagon is marking calendars for the fourth quarter of FY26 to receive the final prototype.

A critical aspect of the proposed capability will be its capacity to integrate with existing infrastructure, notably the Aegis Combat System, Tactical Operations Center-Light, C2BMC framework, and Integrated Battle Command System. Cohesiveness remains the top priority over developing new interceptors or sensors to avoid derailing parallel efforts, including over 20 programs of record and prototypes spanning three services and the Missile Defense Agency. This initiative underscores the Trump Administration's continued prioritization of missile defense.

Next Week's Hearings

Armed Services Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

- NONE

U.S. Senate

- 6/24, 9:30 AM - To consider the nominations of: Vice Admiral Charles B. Cooper II, USN to be admiral and Commander, United States Central Command; and Lieutenant General Alexis G. Grynkewich, USAF to be general and Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe
- 6/25, 2:30 PM - To receive an update on matters within the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretaries for Energy, Installation, and Environment in support of the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act

Appropriations Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

- 6/23, 2:00 PM – CJS Subcommittee Hearing: Fiscal Year 2026 Request for the Department of Justice
- 6/23, 6:00 PM – Subcommittee Mark Up: Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Branch Bill
- 6/24, 10:00 AM – Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Bill
- 6/26, 10:00 AM – Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Branch Bill

U.S. Senate

- 6/24, 10:30 AM – Defense Subcommittee Hearing: A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request for the Navy
- 6/24, 10:30 AM – Milcon/VA Subcommittee Hearing: A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request for the Department of Veterans Affairs
- 6/25, 10:00 AM – CJS Subcommittee Hearing: A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request for the Department of Justice
- 6/25, 2:30 PM – Full Committee Hearing: A Review of the President’s Special Message of June 3, 2025
- 6/26, 10:30 AM – Defense Subcommittee Hearing: A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request for the Air Force and Space Force

Homeland Security Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

- NONE

U.S. Senate

- NONE



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