

APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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Senate FY26 CJS Spending Bill Hits a Roadblock

On Wednesday night, Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) announced that he would oppose his chamber's Commerce-Justice-Science funding bill, after the Trump Administration announced last week that the FBI's new headquarters would be in the Ronald Reagan building in D.C., despite Greenbelt, Maryland being selected as the new location following a competitive process during the Biden Administration. After Van Hollen attempted to insert language into the bill to restrict the Trump administration's use of new FBI funds so that the money could only be used for the Maryland location, Senate Republicans opted to end the markup early and postpone a vote on the CJS bill. The Committee will now have to hold another vote on the bill this week.

Busy Week for House FY26 Appropriations

This week, the House Appropriations Committee will hold subcommittee markups for its FY26 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Energy and Water Development spending bills on Monday night; and Interior-Environment, National Security-State Department, and Commerce, Justice, and Science bills on Tuesday morning. The subcommittee markups will be followed by full committee markups of the THUD and E&W bills on Thursday morning - making them the 6th and 7th bills to be sent to the House floor. The Senate will also markup its Military Construction-Veterans Affairs bill on Thursday morning.

USDA Tells Congress it Will Align FY25 Spending with President's Budget

In a letter to Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Ranking Member Jeff Merkley (D-OR), USDA's deputy undersecretary for natural resources and environment said the Department would, with particular "emphasis" on supporting the President's executive order seeking to increase timber production and accelerate the approval of forestry projects. The letter creates concerns for Senate Democrats around how the administration will implement FY26 appropriations.