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Good morning from Capitol Hill. Here is what you need to know this week. The House passed H.R. 1 on Friday, a bill that would make it easier to commit voter fraud. We break down what else is in the bill and where it goes next. Also, yes, there is a crisis at the border and the Department of Homeland Security has released new numbers to back it up. Heritage's David Inserra explains further. Plus, the United States debt limit is back in place, but will Congress ever take it seriously? Take notes, we have your conservative policy solutions right here.—
Michelle Cordero

The House passed a bill that makes it easier to commit voter fraud.

On Friday, the House passed the so-called For the People Act, a sweeping voting rights and electoral reform bill. It passed on a 234-193 party-line vote, not a single Republican voted for it. The bill seizes the authority of states to regulate voter registration and the voting process, makes it easier to commit fraud, will hurt voter turnout, and much more. "It is unnecessary, unconstitutional, and bad policy. It does nothing to protect voters or to help election officials administer a fair and secure voter registration and election process," says Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal fellow in Heritage's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies. The bill will head to the Senate but is not expected to pass. Learn more about the bill and election fraud cases across the United States.

Immigration at the southern border is at a "breaking point."

Last week, the Department of Homeland Security said immigration at the southern border is at a “breaking point.” In February, border agents arrested more than 66,400 people for entering the country illegally, the highest number recorded since 2008. What’s different from 2008 is that family units and unaccompanied alien children “now make up 62 percent of those arrested or deemed inadmissible at the southern border, where as it was 27 percent in February 2017. This influx has overwhelmed our ability to effectively manage illegal immigration,” writes David Inserra, a policy analyst in Heritage’s Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy. [Read Inserra’s new commentary in The Wall Street Journal.](#)

Will Congress ever take our national debt seriously?

The United States debt limit is back in place, set at \$22.03 trillion, and debates on budgets and spending are likely to heat up in Congress. Justin Bogie, a senior policy analyst in Heritage’s Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, says that to combine the debt limit increase with a spending deal, without first adopting serious fiscal restraint, would undermine the seriousness of the nation’s ever-worsening debt crisis and be a major error. “Congress should debate each issue thoroughly—and separately. Lawmakers must not make the fiscal situation any worse,” Bogie says. [Learn more about the severity of our debt and how Congress can tackle it.](#)

HAPPENING AT HERITAGE

This week on the “**Heritage Explains**” podcast, we take an in-depth look at late-term abortion procedures, and **Melanie Israel**, a research associate in Heritage’s DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society, talks about what conservatives must do in order to ensure that life continues to win. **(Due to the graphic medical**

descriptions featured in this episode, we ask that you consider their surroundings and take caution before listening to this episode.) [Listen to the podcast.](#)

On the “**SCOTUS 101**” podcast, Heritage legal fellow **Elizabeth Slattery** chats with **Ilya Shapiro** of the Cato Institute to discuss whether Chief Justice John Roberts is the new swing vote and other Supreme Court headlines of the week. Slattery also chats with **Beth Williams**, the head of the Justice Department’s judicial nominations team. [Listen to the podcast.](#)

Monday at noon, Heritage will host a panel of physicians to discuss physician-assisted suicide. Speakers include **Robert E. Moffit**, a senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation; **Farr Curlin**, a professor at Duke University; and **G. Kevin Donovan**, director of the Center for Clinical Bioethics and professor of pediatrics at Georgetown University Medical Center. [Watch the event live.](#)

Monday at noon, **George Ayittey**, a distinguished economist in residence at American University and founder and president of the Free Africa Foundation, will discuss how socialism destroyed Africa. [Watch the event live.](#)

Tuesday at noon, Heritage will host an event featuring author **Tim Carney**, editor at the Washington Examiner and a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, who will discuss his new book “Alienated America” and why so many socio-economic problems can be traced back to lack of communal connection. [Watch the event live.](#)

Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., **Sen. Tom Cotton**, R-Ark., will discuss the failure of the INF Treaty and how the United States should move forward to insure continued peace in the region. A panel discussion will feature **Elbridge Colby**, director of the Defense Program at the Center for a New American Security;

Frank Rose, a senior fellow in security and strategy at the Brookings Institution; and **Eric Sayers**, an adjunct senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security. [Watch the event live.](#)

Wednesday at 2 p.m., **Nick Loris**, Heritage's Herbert and Joyce Morgan fellow in energy and environmental policy, will testify before the House Armed Services Committee on ensuring resiliency of military installations and operations in response to climate changes. [Learn more.](#)

Thursday at noon, **Sen. Lindsey Graham**, R-S.C., and **Rep. Doug Collins**, R-Ga., will discuss the Senate Judiciary Committee and their priorities for the 116th Congress. [Watch the event live.](#)

HERITAGE IN THE NEWS

Dean Cheng, a senior research fellow in Heritage's Asian Studies Center, joined **Fox Business' "Lou Dobbs Tonight"** to comment on President Trump's cancellation of large military exercises with South Korea. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Olivia Enos, a policy analyst in Heritage's Asian Studies Center, joined **Fox News' "Outnumbered"** to talk about what went right and what went wrong with the Trump-Kim summit. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Kelsey Bolar, a senior news producer at The Daily Signal, appeared on **Fox News' "Fox News @ Night"** to discuss Democrats' latest push to get Trump's tax records. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Riley Walters, a policy analyst in Heritage's Asian Studies Center, joined **Fox Business' "FBN:am"** to discuss the U.S. and China nearing a trade deal. [Watch](#)

[the interview here.](#)

Ana Quintana, a senior policy analyst in Heritage's Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, joined **Fox Business' "Cavuto: Coast to Coast"** to explain the latest news on Venezuela. [Watch the interview here.](#)

James Carafano, vice president at Heritage's Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, joined **Fox Business' "After the Bell"** to talk about enforcement of sanctions on Cuba by the Trump administration and why Maduro must leave power in Venezuela. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Adam Michel, a senior policy analyst in Heritage's Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, joined **CNBC's "Squawk Box"** to discuss our tax system. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal fellow in Heritage's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, joined **Fox News' "Fox & Friends"** to discuss the possible campaign fund law violations committed by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's campaign team. [Watch the interview here.](#)

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