



**International Right of Way Association Weekly Update**

**Monday, June 10, 2019**

Trump Administration

- The President continues to focus on trade and international relations issues this week.

Congress

- Both Chambers are in session this week.
- The House will begin amending and voting on fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills on the Floor this week. The package to be considered this week includes funding for Defense, Energy and Water Development, Legislative Branch, Labor-Health and Human Services-Education, and State-Foreign Operations.
- The Senate Appropriations Committee is working behind the scenes on their versions of the funding bills, but Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) is waiting until budget caps are in place to move the legislation through Committee.

Analysis

- The House and Senate are at odds over appropriations strategy for fiscal year 2020. The House has been drafting and moving appropriations bills that assume a certain level of spending and additional revenue even though the House and Senate have not agreed to a budget to set top-line levels for fiscal year 2020 funding. The Senate Appropriations Committee is waiting to move funding legislation until those parameters are set.
- If the two Chambers cannot agree to a budget, then that will set up a fight between Chambers and with the White House as the summer draws to a close.