



Congressional Schedule. The Senate and House are in session. (*More below.*)

Administration news

Wednesday marked President Biden's 50th day in office. On Thursday, Biden gave his first primetime address to the nation. The speech, delivered from the East Room of the White House, marked the one-year anniversary of the Covid lockdowns. Biden also outlined the way forward on vaccinations and lifting restrictions, and on the American Rescue Act, which he signed earlier in the day (more on the speech below).

Defense Spending. Politico [reported](#) this week that President Biden's first Pentagon budget request is expected to be about \$708 billion, which would be level funding compared to last year's funding, and based on inflation is considered by economists to be a negative budget. Additionally, Pentagon officials are working and planning under the assumption that the DoD will not see a budget increase from lawmakers this year. Biden faces pressure from both parties regarding defense spending, with progressive Democrats calling for a significant reduction in defense spending and Republicans calling for a three- to five-percent increase in spending.

Schoolhouse Rock, State of the Union edition. Biden is now expected to address to a joint session of Congress in April. A little [background](#): Presidents are required by the Constitution to "from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient." The Constitution does not refer to it as a "State of the Union" – that name didn't appear until 1942, when Franklin Roosevelt used it informally. The name became official in 1947. There is no set date or even delivery method for the address. The tradition of giving the SOTU as a speech didn't start until 1913 with Woodrow Wilson, and several times since then (1945 and 1956) the SOTU was delivered in writing followed by a radio address. Traditionally, presidents do not give a "State of the Union" in the first year of their first term in office. The last president to do so was Lyndon Johnson in 1964, in his first full year in office following the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Instead, the speech is called an "Address Before a Joint Session of Congress." There is no requirement for the address to be given by a specific time. In fact, the date is set by Congress, not by the president, because the Speaker of the House must issue an invitation for the president to appear. So: Biden's speech this year will be an address to a joint session, and while that is functionally the same thing as a State of the Union speech, it will not be called that. And given the pandemic restrictions that make it difficult to gather both chambers in the same location and to have guests in the gallery, the April date is likely being discussed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the White House in the hopes that enough people have been vaccinated to make a joint session with guests safe to hold.

Congressional activities

The Senate and House are both in session next week.

Legislative Update.

COVID relief. President Biden has his first major legislative victory. On Wednesday, the House of Representatives [passed](#) the final version of the American Rescue Plan Act and the president signed the legislation into law on Thursday afternoon. In the end, no House Republicans voted for the [bill](#), with members

of the GOP noting it was overly partisan and filled with unnecessary provisions that wouldn't help defeat the pandemic.

The defense industry secured a [major victory](#) in the American Rescue Plan Act by having the Section 3610 provision extended until September 30, 2021. The provision allows federal agencies to reimburse contractor who continue to pay employees even if the employees can't work due to the Covid constraints. The provision was set to expire on March 31.

Nominations. The Senate [confirmed](#) three more of President Biden's cabinet nominees this week: Marcia Fudge to be secretary of the Department on Housing and Urban Development, Merrick Garland to be attorney general, and Michael S. Regan to be secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency. Biden has six Cabinet nominees left to be confirmed, including HHS Secretary nominee, Xavier Becerra, who has yet to [receive](#) any Republican support for his nomination. With the passage of the latest Covid relief bill, Senate Democrats are poised to [move forward](#) to confirm as many Administration nominees as possible in the next few weeks. There is not new news on the DoD service secretaries and important acquisition assistant secretary positions.

Shalanda Young, President Biden's nominee for OMB Deputy Director, had her nomination [advance](#) out of both the Senate Budget Committee and Homeland Security Committee this week. A few Republicans joined Democrats in advancing her nomination out of the committees, making her confirmation all but certain. The nomination advancement comes as the White House remains silent on who President Biden will nominate as his OMB director, following the withdraw of Neera Tanden's nomination last week.

Following an intense confirmation hearing last week in front of the SASC, President Biden's nominee for undersecretary of defense for policy at the DoD, Colin Kahl, nomination remains in limbo. Facing [unified Republican opposition](#), Kahl cannot afford to lose a single Democrat vote in order to be confirmed. This promoted Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to [reach out](#) to Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) – who many consider to be the most powerful politician in Washington – to urge him to support Kahl. Machin, a moderate Democrat who serves on SASC, will likely be the swing vote on Kahl's nomination though he currently remains undecided.

Appropriations. Republicans have still not decided whether or not to allow their caucus members to use earmarks. House Republicans held a two-hour meeting Monday night to [discuss the issue](#), with lawmakers speaking strongly in favor of and against their return. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has not taken a position on either side, but Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), who is the top GOP appropriator in the House, and Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA), the top GOP defense appropriator in the House, both support the use of earmarks. In the Senate, Appropriations Chair Patrick Leahy (D-VT) has said he plans to bring earmarks back even if Republicans choose not to. He did offer to split earmarks equally between Democrats and Republicans, but was clear that he would move forward regardless. "I'm perfectly willing to divide it equally between Republicans and Democrats. And so it will be up to them if they want it. If they don't, we'll just have it on the Democratic side," Leahy [said](#). Senate Appropriations ranking member Richard Shelby (R-AL) acknowledged that Republicans would be at a disadvantage if they did not allow for earmarks. He said, "If they had earmarks in, say, 1 percent of the whole budget and the Republicans didn't —they'd have a political advantage, so we'll have to think it all out," Shelby said. "I would hope that we can work together but we've got to see how it's defined, what the House does."

Other legislation. This week, the House also passed the [Bipartisan Background Checks Act](#), which strengthens existing laws for background check on firearm sales. Eight Republicans co-sponsored or supported the bill during the floor vote.

On Thursday, 30 House and Senate Democrats unveiled a [\\$94 billion proposal](#) to make broadband Internet access more accessible and affordable in order to close the digital divide. The “Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act” would create a new federal program to build broadband infrastructure in areas that lack it, with a priority to rural, tribal, and low-income communities. The legislation would also extend subsidies for affordable internet access, bring transparency to internet pricing, help students obtain wireless hot spots, and reform regulations so that it is easier for broadband providers to navigate the process to lay wires for service.

FY22 NDAA. The House Armed Services Committee announced this week that they would receive Member NDAA requests until April 5. However, they also shared that they would likely allow Members to resubmit revised requests later in the spring following the release of President Biden’s budget request in early May.

Filibuster Reform. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) [made news](#) over the weekend by showing interest in reforming the filibuster as an alternative to doing away with it all together. Manchin said in an interview that he’d be interested in any proposal to make using the filibuster “more painful,” so the minority party would be discouraged from using it unless absolutely necessary. While this gave hope to many filibuster reform advocates, Manchin reiterated his opposition to getting rid of the filibuster entirely later in the week. “I want to make it very clear to everybody: There's no way that I would vote to prevent the minority from having input into the process in the Senate. That means protecting the filibuster.”

Space and the Congress. Reps. Randy Weber (R-TX) and Charlie Crist (D-FL) announced the formation of the [Space & Aeronautics Caucus](#) this week. The bipartisan caucus plans to focus on issues including space situational awareness, a space regulatory framework, and domestic competitiveness in space. In addition, Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK), ranking member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, and Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX), ranking member of the committee’s space and aeronautics subcommittee, sent letters to the Departments of Commerce, Defense, and State asking for [details on space policy and actions](#). The letter to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo requested a detailed spending plan for Office of Space Commerce funding and plans to manage commercial space activities. The [letters](#) to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken requested details on efforts to create a binding United Nations resolution on rules of behavior in space.

Supply Chain Task Force. The HASC is standing up a [Defense Critical Supply Chain Task Force](#) to identify and analyze potential threats to the defense industrial supply chain. The group will be led by Reps. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) and Mike Gallagher (R-WI). Other members include Reps. Donald Norcross (D-NJ), Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ), Don Bacon (R-NE), Michael Waltz (R-FL), and Stephanie Bice (R-OK). The task force is chartered for three months, with an option to extend for another three months if needed.

We have a HPSCI. Late on Friday afternoon, House Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy finally announced their appointed Members to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. On the Democratic side of the aisle are:

- Chair Adam Schiff of California
- Congressman Jim Himes of Connecticut
- Congressman André Carson of Indiana
- Congresswoman Jackie Speier of California
- Congressman Mike Quigley of Illinois
- Congressman Eric Swalwell of California
- Congressman Joaquin Castro of Texas
- Congressman Peter Welch of Vermont
- Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney of New York
- Congresswoman Val Demings of Florida
- Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi of Illinois
- Congressman Jim Cooper of Tennessee
- Congresswoman Jason Crow of Colorado

On the Republican side are:

- Ranking Member Devin Nunes of California
- Congressman Michael Turner of Ohio

- Congressman Brad Wenstrup of Ohio
- Congressman Chris Stewart of Utah
- Congressman Rick Crawford of Arkansas
- Congressman Elise Stefanik of New York
- Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania
- Congressman Trent Kelly of Mississippi
- Congressman Darin LaHood of Illinois
- Congressman Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma

We are tracking committee membership and organization in the 117th Congress. For a look at where the Congress is in setting up their committee structure, go to [this link](#). *(This is a live document and will be kept updated.)*

We also continue to track congressional staff points of contact, as well as any deadlines and forms for requests related to the FY2022 National Defense Authorization Act and/or appropriations bills. Our crosswalk with this information is available at [this link](#). Member forms are available [here](#). Many personal office deadlines continued this week, though many are still yet to be defined. *(These are live documents and folders, and will be kept updated.)*

Security on the Hill. The Pentagon [announced](#) this week that nearly 2,300 National Guardsmen will remain at the U.S. Capitol through May 23. The troop amount will be cut significantly from the current number stationed at the Capitol, but the time extension will be nearly two months past when troops were originally expected to leave the Capitol. After the announcement was made, Reps. Chairman Adam Smith (D-WA) and Mike Rogers (R-AL), chairman and ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee respectively, issued a [joint statement expressing concern](#) over the number of troops remaining, the financial costs, and impacts to Guard readiness. “We are deeply troubled by the current level of security around the United States Capitol. More than two months after the January 6 attack, the seat of our nation’s democracy remains heavily protected by guardsmen and surrounded by a perimeter fence. As the U.S. Capitol Police continues to build its personnel capacity, there is no doubt that some level of support from the National Guard should remain in the National Capital Region to respond to credible threats against the Capitol. However, the present security posture is not warranted at this time... it’s time for us to review what level of security is required, so they can return home to their families and communities.”

Following a draft report last week, former Army General Russel Honoré delivered his [final recommendations](#) on potential security changes needed at the Capitol to congressional leaders this week. Some highlights of the report include bulking up the U.S Capitol Police force, the creation of a quick reaction force to respond to emergencies, and the installation of an integrated retractable fencing system.

The 2022 election cycle. Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) [announced](#) this week that he will not seek reelection when his term ends in 2022. Blunt, a member of GOP Senate leadership, is the fifth Senate Republican to announce he will not seek reelection next year. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ), member of the House Defense Appropriations Committee, announced her second retirement from Congress today.

Other hearings this week: Both the SASC and HASC held hearings on the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and U.S. relationships in the region (*our notes are [here](#) and [here](#)*). The SASC held a hearing on the final recommendations of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (*find our summary [here](#)*).

Upcoming Congressional hearings:

Tuesday, March 16

- 9:30 a.m., the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on NORTHCOM/SOUTHCOM Posture

- 9:30 a.m., the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on Transportation Technologies

Thursday, March 18

- 9:30 a.m., the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on INDOPACOM/USFK nomination

Personnel changes

Given the large number of appointees who have been named or who have already moved into their new positions, our tracking of all of the political appointees for all of the Biden administration has become unwieldy. For a bigger picture look, see these documents from the Washington Post [here](#) and [here](#).

The White House announced a new slate of staff this week, including:

- Clare Martorana, federal chief information officer and administrator of OMB's Office of Electronic Government
- Faisal Amin, Dan Jacobson, and Dana Rosenzweig, Office of Administration and Office of Management and Administration
- Alicia O'Brien, White House Counsel's Office
- Jonathan Black, Elizabeth Jurinka, Chad Metzler, and Jim Secreto, Office of Legislative Affairs
- Eva Kemp, director of presidential correspondence
- Jeff Nussbaum, senior presidential speechwriter

Doug Bush, who was the HASC deputy staff director, is now the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology. Brian Garrett has taken his place on the HASC staff.

Other new appointees at the Pentagon include:

- Jazmin Sellars, special assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force
- Richard Johnson, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for countering weapons of mass destruction
- Zachary Learner, special assistant to the under secretary of Defense for research and engineering

George Whitesides is leaving Virgin Galactic for unspecified public service opportunities. He will remain part of the company's board of advisors.

SAIC has hired David Ray to lead their civil and national security space business unit.

HawkEye 360 has added retired Air Force General Kevin P. Chilton, retired Navy Admiral Scott Swift, former Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence B. Lynn Wright, former Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence Stephanie O'Sullivan, and former U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry to its Board of Advisors.

Robert O'Brien is returning to Larson LLP, as of counsel, with an international practice on arbitration in Los Angeles. He founded the law firm before going to work in the Trump administration as national security adviser.

U.S. Economic Outlook

Weekly numbers and long-term outlook. [Around 712,000 people applied for unemployment benefits](#) for the first-time last week, a decrease from the previous week. Economists are expecting to see slow improvement in unemployment claims as states lift restrictions and with the passing of the American Rescue Plan. Several companies [canceled or scaled back layoffs](#) after Congress passed the pandemic relief bill. American Airlines CEO Doug Parker and President Robert Isom sent a note to employees telling them that anyone who received a

layoff notice last month could tear it up because if the move had been canceled. United Airlines, Amtrak, and New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority also said they would be able to cancel pending layoffs.

Coronavirus government operations update

National perspective. As of Thursday night, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. was at least [29,233,000, with more than 529,000 total deaths](#). The CDC released [new guidelines](#) this week for people who are fully vaccinated, including that they can gather inside with other vaccinated people and that there is little risk to gathering with unvaccinated people from a single household without distancing or masks. At least [61 million people across the country](#) have been vaccinated, with 10.1 percent fully vaccinated and 19.3 percent partially vaccinated.

On Wednesday, President Biden announced that the U.S. will purchase another 100 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There are still concerns with the number of people saying they will not get the vaccine, with the potential that the U.S. will not reach the numbers of vaccinated people needed to develop herd immunity. False and misleading claims about the vaccine are circulating, and there are reports that Russian intelligence agencies are behind a misinformation campaign to undermine confidence in Western vaccines.

During his speech to the nation on Thursday night, Biden said that he has directed the CDC to make all adults in the U.S. eligible for the vaccine by May 1. He also said that the CDC will issue additional guidance on what vaccinated people can and cannot do. The administration is [creating](#) a government-run website and call center to help individuals find a vaccine appointment, and also plans to loosen federal rules to allow other kinds of medical professionals to administer the shots, such as midwives, dentists, paramedics, physician assistants, veterinarians, and medical students. The president emphasized that even with the increased availability and pace of vaccinations, the country is not done with the pandemic yet and encouraged people to get the vaccine as soon as it's available to them, continue to wear masks, and follow CDC guidelines. Biden noted that if Americans all work together, we can plan small gatherings for 4th of July celebrations.

In an interview following Biden's speech, Dr. Anthony Fauci said that we are not likely to eradicate Covid-19 until we are able to suppress it at the same time in locations around the globe.

Washington metro area. Overall coronavirus cases in [D.C., Maryland, and Virginia topped 1,023,000 by Thursday evening, with more than 18,000 deaths](#). Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan [lifted capacity limits](#) on indoor and outdoor dining, retail businesses, fitness centers, and religious establishments, effective 5 pm today (Friday). Concert halls, theaters, and other large venues may return to 50-percent capacity, and quarantine requirements for out-of-state travel have been lifted. However, masking and distancing requirements are still in place. In Virginia, Fairfax County and Alexandria are working together to open a large-scale vaccination clinic inside a vacant office building on Eisenhower Avenue, near public transportation and a large amount of parking. The site, which is planned to open by the end of March, should be able to handle 6,000 vaccinations a day, once that number of doses are available.

Pentagon. The Pentagon is in Phase Bravo Plus, with a maximum of 40 percent of staff currently allowed on-site. The DiLorenzo Clinic has also ramped up its vaccination efforts to the staff to ensure the workforce is vaccinated.

NASA. All NASA facilities are at Stage 3, with mandatory telework for most workers.

The White House. Most White House staff are working from home.

Congress. Access to the Capitol complex continues to be limited, open only to Members, congressional staff, and credentialed press.

National security update

Using Microsoft Exchange? CISA recommends installing security patches now. If you use Microsoft Exchange servers, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency is [recommending immediate patches](#). Here's their [advisory](#) and [additional information](#). CISA has observed multiple groups working to exploit [four bugs](#) that can be chained together allowing a hacker can authenticate themselves as an administrator on an Exchange server and then install malicious programs.

DoD Climate Working Group. On Wednesday, Secretary Austin established the Department of Defense Climate Working Group to coordinate the Pentagon's responses to the executive order signed by President Biden in January and to track climate and energy-related actions across the DoD. Joe Bryan, special assistant to the Secretary of Defense, will chair the working group, with other senior military and civilian officials making up the rest of the group. Read the full memo establishing the group [here](#).

ICBM lobby. The Center for International Policy released a new report this week that takes a look at the ICBM-focused lobbying effort, including how much defense contractors and subcontractors have given to the current members of the Senate ICBM Coalition and how much they have spent to build relationships and gain business. The report has recommendations that include greater transparency and changing campaign contributions from industry. You can read the full report [here](#).

Base renaming commission membership. Lonnie Bunch, who was named to the base-renaming commission by HASC Chair Adam Smith, has had to withdraw for personal reasons. Smith named Lawrence Romo, national commander of the American G.I. Forum, a civil rights organization that serves Hispanic veterans, to the commission instead.

Industry news. *LinQuest* has received a [\\$500 million contract](#) award from the U.S. Space Force for "tradespace analysis support" over five years. The Space Force has awarded four launch contracts, two to *United Launch Alliance* (\$224.2 million) and two to *SpaceX* (\$159.7 million) for National Security Space Launch Phase 2 missions scheduled for 2023.

Events. Last Friday, Brookings hosted a discussion with HASC Chair Adam Smith (*find our notes [here](#)*). R Street Institute looked at DoD reform efforts (*find a summary of the event [here](#)*). Michèle Flournoy received the Sam Nunn National Security Leadership Prize (*find a summary of her remarks [here](#)*).

Civil and commercial update

Georgia spaceport. The FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation has said that the environmental impact statement for Georgia's [Spaceport Camden](#) will not be completed this month as planned. Instead, they expect to release the report by April 20, after they've had more time to talk with state offices overseeing historic preservation. A formal decision on Spaceport Camden's application for an FAA launch suite operator's license is expected by June 18.

NASA astronaut to fly on Soyuz. While NASA is no longer purchasing Soyuz seats directly, the agency has stated that it is keeping an option open to fly U.S. astronauts on the Russian spacecraft. This week, the agency [signed a contract with Axiom Space](#) to fly NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei on Soyuz MS-18, scheduled to

launch April 9. In exchange, NASA will provide a seat on a future U.S. commercial spacecraft as part of a space station crew rotation mission.

Green Run test, take two: NASA has set March 18 as the target date for the hot fire test of the SLS core stage.

Industry support for the Office of Space Commerce. The Aerospace Industries Association, Commercial Spaceflight Federation, and Satellite Industry Association have sent a joint letter to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo [asking for support and funding](#) for the Office of Space Commerce. While the final FY2021 appropriations gave the small office a budget increase (going from \$1.8 million to \$10 million), it's not clear yet what the Biden administration or Congress will offer for the FY2022 budget. Read the full letter [here](#).

Costs to repair Arecibo. The National Science Foundation sent a [report](#) to Congress this week outlining the likely costs to repair the damage at the Arecibo telescope in Puerto Rico. The science platform was completely destroyed, and other structures around the telescope were also damaged in the collapse. NSF estimates that the repair cost would be in the \$30-50 million range.

Industry news. *Rocket Lab* will merge with special-purpose acquisition company (SPAC) Vector Acquisition Corporation in a [\\$320 million deal](#) that will take the company public. The company also received another \$470 million in concurrent private investment in public equity funding. Satellite data and analytics provider *Spire* is also going public in a \$200 million merger with SPAC NavSight Holdings.

Events. The Space Foundation discussed the impact of new technology on SATCOM markets (*our notes are [here](#)*).

Our favorite podcasts

War on the Rocks took an interesting look at sanctions and foreign policy in their Net Assessment podcast last week. You can listen [here](#).

And now for some long-distance space news...

A team of astronomers have captured the [most distant radio signals](#) yet, from more than 13 billion light years away. The signal comes from a quasar known as P172+18. Because telescopes are basically time machines, we can "hear" the quasar's signal as it was when the universe was only 780 million years old (about five-percent of its current age). P172+18 is not the most distant (and thus oldest) quasar discovered, but it is the farthest quasar with this kind of strong radio signal. The more of these rare objects we discover and study, the better we understand the early universe.

Upcoming conferences and other events of interest

- 3/15, Extending U.S. leadership on 5G: A conversation with FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, AEI, more info [here](#)
- 3/16, Security and Stability of Space: What You Need to Know, Secure World Foundation, more info [here](#)
- 3/16, Crafting a U.S. National Technology Strategy, CNAS, more info [here](#).
- 3/17, Out of this world: The Future of Satellite Imagery, Politico/Maxar, more info [here](#)
- 3/17 to 3/19, NASA and the Rise of Commercial Space: A Symposium to Examine the Meaning(s) and Context(s) of Commercial Space, more info [here](#)
- 3/18, noon, WSBF Luncheon with Dylan Taylor and Jeff Manber (more info [here](#))
- 3/19, Remembering the first 'space war' w/ Lt. Gen. B. Chance Saltzman, Brookings, more info [here](#)
- 3/23, 2021 Industrial Space Defense Summit, Potomac Officers Club, more info [here](#)
- 3/23, Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Council (COMSTAC) Meeting
- 3/24, FAA/AST Workshop on Commercial Space Transportation, (more info [here](#))

- 4/14 to 4/15, Assured PNT Summit, Defense Strategies Institute, Alexandria, VA (more info [here](#))
- 4/22, Space Symposium 365 with Brig. Gen. Heather L. Pringle (more info [here](#))
- 7/26 to 7/29, SATELLITE 2021, Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC (more info [here](#))
- 8/2/21 to 8/4/21, SeaAirSpace 2021, Navy League of the United States (more info [here](#))
- 8/22/21 to 8/26/21, [36th Space Symposium – rescheduled](#) from late October 2020
- 9/17, National Space Club's Goddard Memorial Dinner (*moved from June 4*, more info [here](#))

What we're reading

Mar. 5, GAO: [Electricity Grid Resilience: Climate Change Is Expected to Have Far-reaching Effects and DOE and FERC Should Take Actions](#)

Mar. 5, *Breaking Defense*: [Hits & Misses In Biden's Interim National Security Guidance](#)

Mar. 5, *Axios*: [A giant telescope is coming together](#)

Mar. 7, *The Hill*: [Lawmakers gird for spending battle over nuclear weapons](#)

Mar. 7, *New York Times*: [Preparing for Retaliation Against Russia, U.S. Confronts Hacking by China](#)

Mar. 8, *Space News*: [Space Force planning for a future of smaller, cheaper satellites](#)

Mar. 8, *CNBC*: [SpaceX wants to connect its Starlink satellite internet network to moving vehicles](#)

Mar. 8, *Breaking Defense*: [Lockheed Buying Aerojet Is Bad For Defense](#)

Mar. 8, *Wired*: [‘Retaliation’ for Russia's SolarWinds Spying Isn't the Answer](#)

Mar. 8, *Vice*: [Russia Is Suing Facebook and Twitter for Hosting Navalny Protest Videos](#)

Mar. 8, *Ars Technica*: [SpaceX plans Starlink broadband for trucks, ships, and planes](#)

Mar. 8, *Breaking Defense*: [Biden Taps Two Admirals To Face China Challenge](#)

Mar. 8, *Defense One*: [Splitting NSA, CyberCom Now Could Reduce Military Access to Intelligence, Milley Says](#)

Mar. 8, *The Hill*: [Biden to give prime-time address on anniversary of pandemic lockdown](#)

Mar. 8, *Breaking Defense*: [SDA & DARPA: June Demos To Prove Optical Sat Link Capability](#)

Mar. 8, *War on the Rocks*: [Abandon Old Assumptions About Defense Spending](#)

Mar. 9, *The Wall Street Journal*: [U.S and China Engage, Tentatively, on Climate Change](#)

Mar. 9, *The Hill*: [Kerry calls for 'decade of action' on climate change](#)

Mar. 9, *Politico*: [Anti-filibuster liberals face a Senate math problem](#)

Mar. 9, *Space News*: [China, Russia enter MoU on international lunar research station](#)

Mar. 9, *Breaking Defense*: [Service Leaders Push For Earlier S&T Cooperation In Indo-Pacific](#)

Mar. 9, *Air Force Magazine*: [INDOPACOM: Deterrence Fund Increase Needed for ISR, Missile Defense in the Pacific](#)

Mar. 9, *Space News*: [Japan budgets a record \\$4.14 billion for space activities](#)

Mar. 9, *Breaking Defense*: [Competing in Time: How DoD Is Losing The Innovation Race To China](#)

Mar. 9, *C4ISRNet*: [Space Development Agency leans on war fighter council to integrate with services, agencies](#)

Mar. 9, *Space News*: [Momentum founders to divest shares after Defense Department concerns](#)

Mar. 10, *Associated Press*: [Biden's first 50 days: Where he stands on key promises](#)

Mar. 10, *The Hill*: [Pentagon announces climate working group](#)

Mar. 10, *Space News*: [Northrop's MEV-2 servicer closing in on Intelsat-10-02 docking attempt](#)

Mar. 10, *Space News*: [Startup using Soviet-era technology to build satellite servicing vehicle](#)

Mar. 10, *Defense News*: [Research, procurement could get squeezed in Biden budget](#)

Mar. 10, *Air Force Magazine*: [U.S. Poorly Integrates COCOMs, Hasn't Figured Out Hybrid, Hyten Says](#)

Mar. 10, *Space News*: [Startup using Soviet-era technology to build satellite servicing vehicle](#)

Mar. 11, *Roll Call*: [Planning for a post-pandemic Congress underway](#)

Mar. 11, *Space News*: [Op-ed | Artemis will accelerate the commercial space sector](#)

Mar. 11, *War on the Rocks*: [On the Digital Brink](#)

Mar. 11, *Breaking Defense*: [SMC Building 'Catalog' For Common Satellite C2 Ops](#)

Mar. 13, *The Economist*: [Joe Biden's stimulus is a high-stakes gamble for America and the world](#)