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## EAC finally nearing ability to take major action

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**AT LONG LAST** — Congress will move closer to giving the Election Assistance Coi  
a confirmation hearing for President Donald Trump's two EAC nominees, Donald P.  
mediating conversations between state election officials and federal agencies like DI  
decisions. It has lacked a quorum since March 23, when Matt Masterson, its former  
quorum has threatened progress on a major EAC priority, the 2.0 update to its Volu

Hill would be a “defensive play” against the concept of giving access to law enforcement set of articulated norms around cybersecurity.”

**That said, “the weather around these questions” could change due to the** deadly shooting in California that caused the FBI and Apple to face off in court over

**INTEL IN LIMBO** — House and Senate lawmakers are still looking for ways to move provisions. “We’re working on it, trying to shake it loose,” Burr told Martin on Tuesday 6:23, this summer. The Senate Intelligence Committee unanimously approved its proposal alone floor time and has yet to receive a vote — even as an amendment to another piece of-year package,” Burr said. The Senate is slated to adjourn on Dec. 14.

**EXPLOSIVE IF TRUE (AGAIN)** — Former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort’s embassy around the time Manafort joined the campaign, the Guardian reported Tuesday repeatedly met with Julian Assange in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London raises serious concerns. Sen. Robert Menendez, the top Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee. “It is former Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa and his administration allowed these meetings

**But the Guardian has watered down its story some;** whatever their credibility, the bedfellows group of skeptics has assembled about the Guardian’s sourcing. The story and Trump associates.

**CYBER BEAST IN THE MIDDLE EAST** — Hackers have launched a campaign against Israel post Tuesday. The campaign consists of malware and a domain name system attack that redirected traffic, the attackers targeted email and VPN traffic from the Finance Ministry. The malware — dubbed DNSpionage — uses a Word document the user downloads from a server able to connect this campaign with any known APTs or find the overall motivation and

**MORE NSO SKETCHINESS** — Colleagues of an assassinated Mexican journalist are looking according to new report from Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto. The latest report by Amnesty International Israel called on the Israeli government to revoke the company’s

**RECENTLY ON PRO CYBERSECURITY** — The Justice Department announced Tuesday that it will



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