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## HOMELAND SECURITY

# U.S. Senate confirms Mullin

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The U.S. Senate approved one of its own members, Oklahoma's Markwayne Mullin, as secretary of Homeland Security Monday night in a vote driven more by partisan divides over the Trump administration's use of the department Mullin will oversee than Mullin himself.

Meanwhile, Gov. Kevin Stitt scheduled a Tuesday morning press conference to announce Mullin's temporary replacement in the Senate. His choice is expected to be former Williams Cos. Chief Executive Officer Alan Armstrong.

Kentucky's Rand Paul, with whom Mullin has openly feuded, was the only Republican to vote against the

nomination. The rest, including Mullin himself, lined up in support.

Pennsylvania's John Fetterman and New Mexico's Martin Heinrich were the only Democrats to vote for it.

Last week Fetterman provided the decisive vote on Mullin's nomination in

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## VOTING REFORM

# Lankford trying to simplify legislation

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Legislation can be like a boat. Some can carry a lot of cargo without sinking. Some can't.

U.S. Sen. James Lankford and colleagues have concluded voting legislation is one of those that can't.

With Republicans from President Donald Trump down clamoring for tighter election security and Democrats and others equally vocal about voting rights infringement, Lankford and others concluded the only way to 60 votes in the Senate was to get back to the essentials.

"We started on this a week and a half ago," Lankford said Monday in a telephone interview. "We're trying to strip out all the amendments and narrow it down to (the) most basic piece, and that is voter ID."

Illegal voting carries heavy penalties in most jurisdictions and voting by noncitizens is virtually nonexistent, according to numerous reviews of voting rolls and studies.

The most recent, by Utah, found one noncitizen registration and no noncitizen votes out of 2 million registered votes.

The issue is important to Trump and many Americans, however, prompting Republican activity in Congress.

Lankford said at least five versions of voting reform legislation with the acronym "SAVE" in their titles have been floating around, some of which include unrelated subjects.

He said the original SAVE Act

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## TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FARM TO MARKET



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Eisenhower student Santiago Hernandez learns how to milk a cow during the Tulsa Public Schools Farm to Market event Monday. Elementary students from Eisenhower, Owen and Lindbergh got a hands-on opportunity to learn about agriculture and how food moves from producers to consumers, with the goal to increase fruit, vegetable and dairy consumption.

# No ICE presence at TIA, official says

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have not descended on Tulsa International Airport, officials there said Monday, and operations continue to run smoothly.

Over the weekend, President Donald Trump announced he was sending ICE agents to airports to assist Transportation Security Administration employees and help alleviate the long security

lines travelers at some airports are facing as a result of a partial government shutdown that has left TSA employees to work without pay.

"Tulsa International Airport has not received any communication from DHS that ICE agents would be deployed at our airport, and we have not seen ICE personnel operating at TUL," Kim Kuehler, communications manager for Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust, said in an email Monday.

"Our local TSA team is fully staffed, and checkpoint wait times remain short, typically between 0-15 minutes. You can see our live TSA checkpoint wait time online at [www.flytulsa.com](http://www.flytulsa.com)."

The extent of ICE's presence at airports across the country remains unclear. News outlets on Monday morning reported that 100 to 150 agents have been

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A TSA officer talks to passengers at a security checkpoint at Tulsa International Airport on Monday.

## Lottery

For the latest lottery numbers, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link.

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