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Congressional staffers and members of the press packed a hearing room on Capitol Hill Wednesday for Rep. Barney Frank's (D-MA) announcement of the first federal marijuana decriminalization bill in decades.

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Bad Planning: Mexico's Mérida Initiative

In the last few weeks nearly six tons of cocaine were seized from a homemade submarine in waters off of Oaxaca; more than 20 people were killed in the span of a week in the city of Culiacán; a high-ranking member of the federal police force was murdered during lunch at a restaurant in Mexico City.

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Liberals and Fiscal Conservatives Find Common Ground in California Reform

The most ambitious sentencing and prison reform in U.S. history -- appearing on the California ballot this November as Proposition 5 -- is gaining support across the political spectrum, with endorsers ranging from former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to the California Democratic Party. Prop. 5 will protect public safety, save taxpayers billions of dollars, and serve as a model for a public health approach to substance use nationwide.

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DPA New Mexico Urges Comprehensive Prison Reform

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with a letter to Governor Bill Richardson outlining additional steps the state can take to create real reform.

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"My fellow 500,000+ drug war prisoners keep me motivated towards reform. The dead in Culiacan remind me of the urgency of our mission to move towards sensible drug policy."

-- Malakkar Vohryzek in The D'Alliance, discussing drug war violence in Mexico

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