

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4633–S4695

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1682–1699, S.J. Res. 48, and S. Res. 237–241. **Pages S4667–68**

Measures Reported:

S. 504, to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program. (S. Rept. No. 115–140)

S. 81, to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors. (S. Rept. No. 115–141)

S. 1311, to provide assistance in abolishing human trafficking in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1312, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4667**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Production of Records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 237, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S4635**

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 860, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4649–59**

Grassley Amendment No. 741, relative to the reauthorization and improvement of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.

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Power And Security Systems (PASS) Act: Senate passed S. 190, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems. **Page S4681**

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act: Senate passed S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4681–84**

Portman (for Grassley) Amendment No. 742, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4681**

READ Act: Senate passed H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4684–86**

Portman (for Rubio) Amendment No. 743, to add provisions regarding the promotion of United States values and the reduction of childhood exposure to extremist ideologies. **Page S4686**

Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4686–87**

Portman (for Murkowski/Cantwell) Amendment No. 744, to permit the extension of 350 non-immigrant permits for workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Page S4686**

Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center: Senate passed H.R. 2210, to designate the community living center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butler Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center”.

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Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Portman (for Isakson) Amendment No. 745, in the nature of a substitute.

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Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 582, to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Portman (for Johnson) Amendment No. 746, to permit an Inspector General to withhold certain material from the Office of Special Counsel if the material is derived from, or pertains to, intelligence activities.

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POWER Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 717, to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence, and the bill was then passed.

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National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month and Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 203, designating the month of June 2017, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and June 27, 2017, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 194, designating June 15, 2017, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Juneteenth Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 214, designating June 19, 2017, as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in recognition of

June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Collector Car Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 215, designating July 14, 2017, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 231, designating July 30, 2017, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Honoring July 2016 Dallas Police Shooting Victims: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 213, honoring the memory of Dallas Police Department Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens, Sergeant Michael Smith, Officer Michael Krol, Officer Patrick Zamarripa, and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Officer Brent Thompson, who were killed during the attack in Dallas, Texas, that occurred 1 year ago, on July 7, 2016, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Airborne Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 233, designating August 16, 2017, as “National Airborne Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Lobster Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 221, designating September 25, 2017, as “National Lobster Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins: Senate agreed to S. Res. 239, congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning the 2017 Stanley Cup hockey championship.

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Congratulating the University of Florida baseball team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 240, congratulating the University of Florida baseball team for winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association College World Series.

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National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 241, supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day.

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Rapid DNA Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 510,

to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4695**

Measures Considered:

FDA Reauthorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products. **Pages S4663–64**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S4663**

House Messages:

VA Choice and Quality Employment Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 114, to authorize appropriations and to appropriate amounts for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve hiring authorities of the Department, to authorize major medical facility leases. **Page S4686**

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the papers with respect to H.J. Res. 76, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, be returned to the House of Representatives at their request. **Page S4640**

Kaplan Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S4695**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 181), Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term of ten years. **Pages S4644–49**

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 182), Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S4649**

Elaine McCusker, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Robert Daigle, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Robert R. Hood, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Richard V. Spencer, of Wyoming, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Lucian Niemeyer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. **Page S4695**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Executive Communications:

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Petitions and Memorials:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Page S4649**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4695.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Council perspectives, after receiving testimony from