Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5085–S5190

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1784–1789.   **Page S5114**

Measures Reported:

S. 770, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate resources to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–153)

S. 705, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, with amendments.   **Page S5114**

Measures Passed:

Social Security Payments: Senate passed H.R. 3732, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased fiscal year 2017 and 2018 payments for temporary assistance to United States Citizens returned from foreign countries.   **Page S5165**

Condemning the Violence and Domestic Terrorist Attack in Charlottesville, Virginia: Senate passed S.J. Res. 49, condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President's Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups.   **Page S5165**

Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 416, to amend the Small Business Investment Incentive Act of 1980 to require an annual review by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the annual government-business forum on capital formation, and the bill was then passed.   **Page S5166**

Fair Access to Investment Research Act: Senate passed S. 327, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5166–68**

McConnell (for Warren/Heller) Amendment No. 935, of a perfecting nature.   **Pages S5167–68**

Supporting America's Innovators Act: Senate passed S. 444, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company.

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Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act: Senate passed S. 462, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to refund or credit certain excess payments made to the Commission.   **Pages S5168–69**

U.S. Territories Investor Protection Act: Senate passed S. 484, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate an exemption for companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendments.   **Page S5169**

Encouraging Employee Ownership Act: Senate passed S. 488, to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans.

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Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act: Senate passed S. 102, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to commence proceedings related to the resiliency of critical communications networks during times of emergency, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.   **Pages S5169–70**

Abolish Human Trafficking Act: Senate passed S. 1311, to provide assistance in abolishing human trafficking in the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:
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McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 936, relating to the effects of trafficking in persons.
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Trafficking Victims Protection Act: Senate passed S. 1312, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:
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McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 937, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5184–89**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S5086–92**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 193), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5091**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senator Paul be given up to 4 hours of post-cloture debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5092**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 12, 2017; and that all time during morning business, Leader remarks, recess, and adjournment count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5189**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Daines be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Monday, September 11, 2017.
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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16) **Pages S5101–02**

Hassett Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Kevin Allen Hassett, of Massachusetts, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; that there be 20 minutes of debate on the nomination equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S5092**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Scott W. Brady, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Bobby L. Christine, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

David J. Freed, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Andrew E. Lelling, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Stephen R. McAllister, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

James F. Geurts, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Howard R. Elliott, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Paul Trombino III, of Wisconsin, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Rebecca Eliza Gonzales, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Carla Sands, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

John F. Bash, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Walter David Counts III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

R. Andrew Murray, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Matthew Spencer Petersen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S5189–90**

Messages from the House: **Page S5102**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5100–01**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5116–65**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S5165**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—193) **Page S5091**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5190.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3726–3736, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7223–24**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2615, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–302);

H.R. 3017, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize and improve the brownfields program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–303, Part 1); and

H.R. 2874, to achieve reforms to improve the financial stability of the National Flood Insurance Program, to enhance the development of more accurate estimates of flood risk through new technology and better maps, to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risks, and to provide for alternative methods to insure against flood peril, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–304). **Page H7222**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mitchell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7219**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7219**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:02 p.m. and reconvened at 4:23 p.m. **Page H7220**

Amending section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased fiscal year 2017 and 2018 payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 3732, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased fiscal year 2017 and 2018 payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries. **Page H7220**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001 is to continue in effect beyond September 14, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–67). **Page H7220**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.