

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2075–2082. **Pages S7015–16**

Measures Passed:

TSP Modernization Act: Senate passed H.R. 3031, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from a Thrift Savings Plan account. **Page S7029**

Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1370, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7029–30**

McConnell (for Johnson/McCaskill) Amendment No. 1579, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7029–30**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, with respect to Burundi; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–19) **Page S7014**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–20) **Pages S7014–15**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was

originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21) **Page S7015**

Engel Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Pages S7005–11**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Thursday, November 2, 2017, which notwithstanding Rule XXII, be modified to have all Executive Session cloture motions ripen following the disposition of the nomination of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, the time post-cloture be counted as if invoked at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017. **Page S7005**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, under the order of October 26, 2017. **Page S7030**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7019–20**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7030.)

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: 9 public bills, H.R. 4254–4262, were introduced. **Page H8522**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8523**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3122, to protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–385);

H.R. 3562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–386);

H.R. 3656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–387);

H.R. 3657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–388);

H.R. 1066, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report regarding the organizational structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–389);

H.R. 918, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish mental health care to certain former members of the Armed Forces who are not otherwise eligible to receive such care, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–390);

H. Res. 607, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3043) to modernize hydropower policy, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3441) to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (H. Rept. 115–391); and

H.R. 2148, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify capital requirements for certain acquisition, development, or construction loans, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–392). **Pages H8521–22**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Comer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8499**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8500**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 169 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 609.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H8502**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title: H.R. 3562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 607;

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Veterans Affairs Management Alignment Act of 2017: H.R. 1066, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report regarding the organizational structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a 2/3 yea-