

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1, Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, as amended.
See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7653–S7807

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2182–2184, and S. Res. 346–347. **Page S7717**

Measures Reported:

S. 1886, to amend subchapter I of chapter 31 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize agencies to make noncompetitive temporary and term appointments in the competitive service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–189)

S. 2070, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, with an amendment. **Page S7717**

Measures Passed:

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 303), Senate passed H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1855 (to Amendment No. 1618), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7700**

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 298), Cornyn (for Cruz) Amendment No. 1852 (to Amendment No. 1618), to allow limited 529 account funds to be used for elementary and secondary education, including homeschool.

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By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 302), Merkley Amendment No. 1856 (to Amendment No. 1618), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7711–12**

McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1618, of a perfecting nature. (By unanimous consent, the amendment, as amended, be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and all points of order be preserved.)

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Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 290), Wyden (for Nelson) motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7656**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 291), Baldwin motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7656**

By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 292), Cardin motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S7665–66**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 293), Schumer motion to adjourn until 12 noon, on Monday, December 4, 2017. **Page S7700**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 297), Menendez motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S7703–04**

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 300), Manchin motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S7706–07**

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

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 294), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for the purposes of McConnell (for Sanders) Amendment No. 1720 (to Amendment No. 1618), to create a point of order against legislation that cuts Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits. Subsequently, the point of

order that the amendment was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 295), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for the purposes of McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 1854 (to Amendment No. 1618), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the Child Tax Credit. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 29 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 296), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and applicable budget resolutions, for the purposes of McConnell (for Rubio/Lee) Amendment No. 1850 (to Amendment No. 1618), to increase the refundability of the child tax credit. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 299), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and applicable budget resolutions, for the purposes of Cornyn (for Kaine) Amendment No. 1846 (to Amendment No. 1618), to provide middle class tax relief. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 4105 of H. Con. Res. 71, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 301), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and applicable budget resolutions, for the purposes of Cantwell Amendment No. 1717 (to Amendment No. 1618), of a perfecting nature. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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62nd Anniversary of Whiteman Air Force Base: Senate agreed to S. Res. 347, commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the dedication of Whiteman Air Force Base.

Pages S7805–06

Nielsen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Saturday, December 2, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 4, 2017.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 4, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

66 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Phyllis L. Bayer, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Thomas E. Workman, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council for a term of six years.

Jeffrey DeWit, of Arizona, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Tadd M. Johnson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2022.

Lisa Johnson-Billy, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2018.

Lisa Johnson-Billy, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2024.

Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

David T. Fischer, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

James Edwin Williams, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

Mark Schneider, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

Barbara Stewart, of Illinois, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of six years.

Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Matthew D. Harris, of Utah, to be United States Marshal for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Ted G. Kamatchus, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Joseph P. Kelly, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

Joseph D. McClain, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Scott W. Murray, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

David A. Weaver, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

David C. Weiss, of Delaware, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware for the term of four years.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Messages from the House: **Page S7716**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7717–19**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7720–S7805**

Privileges of the Floor: **Pages S7805–06**

Record Votes: Fourteen record votes were taken today. (Total—303)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2017 and adjourned at 2:06 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017, until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7806.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4508–4529; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 122; H. Con. Res. 95; and H. Res. 639–642 were introduced. **Pages H9597–98**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9599**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 169 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 652. **Pages H9585–86**

Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 1699, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage, to amend the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 to modify the definition of a loan originator, by a recorded vote of 256 yeas to 163 noes, Roll No. 651. **Page H9585**

Rejected the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 650. **Pages H9584–85**