

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1773–S1797*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2567–2571, and S. Res. 437–439. **Page S1790**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 526, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses.

S. 1538, to amend the Small Business Act to establish awareness of, and technical assistance for, the creation of employee stock ownership plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1961, to amend the Small Business Act to temporarily reauthorize certain pilot programs under the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1995, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the number of small business investment companies in underlicensed States, with an amendment.

S. 2283, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Credit Risk Management within the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2419, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the technical and business assistance services under the SBIR and STTR programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2527, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount of leverage made available to small business investment companies. **Page S1790**

#### Measures Passed:

**Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3731, to provide overtime pay for employees of the United States Secret

Service, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2214, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1796**

#### Measures Considered:

**Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking. **Pages S1773–80, S1780–84**

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

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 57), 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 S1780**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be vitiated, and that a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, Senate begin consideration of the bill; that the only amendments in order be Wyden Amendment No. 2212 and Amendment No. 2213; and that there be up to four hours of debate concurrently on the amendments, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed, with a 60 vote affirmative threshold required for adoption of each amendment, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with no further action or debate. **Page S1784**

#### Appointments:

**United States Holocaust Memorial Council:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, and Public Law 106–292, appointed the

following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senator Cardin. **Page S1796**

**Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senator Manchin, from the Committee on Appropriations. **Page S1796**

**Yemen Joint Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the resumption of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking, on Tuesday, March 20, 2017, Senator Sanders, or his designee, be recognized to offer a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 54, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress; provided further that there be up to 4 hours of debate, equally divided between the opponents and proponents of the resolution, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge. **Page S1784**

**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 issuance of an Executive Order with respect to Venezuela that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 on March 8, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—30) **Page S1787**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a social security totalization agreement with Uruguay, titled “Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay,” and an accompanying legally binding administrative arrangement titled “Administrative Arrangement between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security”; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM—31) **Page S1787**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S1780**

Nazakhtar Nikakhtar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Page S1784**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Aimee Kathryn Jorjani, of Wisconsin, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2021.

Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joseph N. Mondello, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mark Schultz, of Nebraska, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2019.

Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2023.

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1795–96**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—57) **Page S1780**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1796.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.