

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1865, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1849–S1883

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2581–2588. **Page S1875**

Measures Reported:

S. 2213, to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II. (S. Rept. No. 115–215)

H.R. 4300, to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II. (S. Rept. No. 115–216)

S. Res. 224, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the death of Oswaldo Paya Sardinias, and commemorating his legacy and commitment to democratic values and principles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 376, urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. **Pages S1874–75**

Measures Passed:

Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 60), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1849–72**

Withdrawn:

Wyden Amendment No. 2212, to clarify that efforts of a provider or user of an interactive computer service to identify, restrict access to, or remove objectionable material shall not be considered in determining the criminal or civil liability of the provider or user for other material. **Pages S1865–70, S1871**

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

By 21 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 59), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Wyden Amendment No. 2213, to provide additional funding to the Department of Justice to combat the online facilitation of sex trafficking. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment violates the Senate PAYGO Rule was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1865, S1870–71**

University of California 150th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 438, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the University of California, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1880**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Thomas E. Workman, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council for a term of six years. **Pages S1872, S1883**

Messages from the House: **Page S1874**

Measures Referred: **Page S1874**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S1875**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1876–79**

Additional Statements: Page S1874

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Pages S1879–80

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—60) Pages S1871–72

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:01 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1880.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Economic Report of the President, after receiving testimony from Kevin Hassett, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Kristine L. Svinicki, Chairman, and Jeff Baran, and Stephen Burns, both a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

LEBANON

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine stability and security challenges in Lebanon, after receiving testimony from Elliott Abrams, Council on Foreign Relations, and Robert Malley, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, and Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who were introduced by Senator Duckworth, and Charles J. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, who was introduced by Senator Ernst, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for veterans' programs and fiscal year 2020 advance appropriations requests, after receiving testimony from David J. Shulkin, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

ELECTION SECURITY

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine election security, after receiving testimony from Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary, and Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Cyber Security and Communications, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Thomas Hicks, Chairman, Election Assistance Commission; Jim Condos, Vermont Secretary of State, Burlington, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; Jeh Charles Johnson, former Secretary of Homeland Security, and Amy Cohen, National Association of State Election Directors, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Rosenbach, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 5357–5378; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 793–795 were introduced. Pages H1753–54

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1755–56

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 796, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1625) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act

of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from March 23, 2018 through April 9, 2018, (H. Rept. 115–614). Page H1753

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1731