

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1823–1828, and S. Res. 260–262. **Page S5800**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1117, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster. (S. Rept. No. 115–158)

H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency. (S. Rept. No. 115–159) **Page S5800**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 199), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Page S5776–84**

Adopted:

McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5776, S5785**

Reed (for Kaine) Amendment No. 277, to provide for the establishment of a visitor services facility on the Arlington Ridge tract, Virginia. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Tester) Amendment No. 434, to convert the authority for a National Language Service Corps into a requirement for such a Corps. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Heitkamp/Sullivan) Amendment No. 574, to expand the SkillBridge initiative to include participation by Federal agencies. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Merkley) Amendment No. 660, to treat the service of recipients of Boren scholarships and fellowships in excepted service positions as service by such recipients under career appointments for purposes of career tenure under title 5, United States Code. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 750, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Van Hollen) Amendment No. 756, to require a report on compliance with Department of Defense and Service policies regarding runway clear zones. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Murray) Amendment No. 833, to provide for the promotion of financial literacy concerning retirement among members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Brown) Amendment No. 890, to ensure the continued designation of the Secretary of the Air Force as the Department of Defense Executive Agent for the program carried out under title III of the Defense Protection Act of 1950. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Cardin/Portman) Amendment No. 900, to require a report on the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) and to provide a limitation on use of funds. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Leahy) Amendment No. 903, to require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a feasibility study and cost estimate for a pilot program that uses predictive analytics and screening to identify mental health risk and provide early, targeted intervention for part-time members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Baldwin/Moran) Amendment No. 904, to prohibit or suspend certain health care providers from providing non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care services to veterans. **Pages S5787–96**

Reed (for Peters/Stabenow) Amendment No. 950, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to increase the Primary Aircraft Authorization of Air Force or Air National Guard A-10 aircraft units in the event conversion of an A-10 unit is in the best interest of a long-term Air Force mission.

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Reed (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 976, to express the sense of Congress on use of test sites for research and development on countering unmanned aircraft systems.

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Reed (for Cantwell/Murray) Amendment No. 995, to extend the authorization of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health.

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Reed (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1014, to require the Government Accountability Office to evaluate Buy American training policies for the Defense acquisition workforce.

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Reed (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 1015, to encourage the United States Trade Representative to consider the impact of marine debris in future trade agreements.

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Reed (for Harris) Amendment No. 1021, to require a review of effects of personnel requirements and limitations on the availability of members of the National Guard for the performance of funeral honors duty for veterans.

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Reed (for Sanders) Amendment No. 1023, to authorize the provision of support for Beyond Yellow Ribbon programs.

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Reed (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1065, to increase funding for environmental restoration for the Air Force, and to provide an offset.

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Reed (for Bennet/Gardner) Amendment No. 1087, to recognize the National Museum of World War II Aviation.

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Reed (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1088, to authorize an additional \$10,000,000 for the National Guard for training on wildfire response, and to provide an offset.

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Reed (for Kaine) Amendment No. 1089, to establish opportunities for scholarships related to cybersecurity.

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Reed (for Cortez Masto) Amendment No. 1094, to express the sense of Senate on increasing enrollment in Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs at minority-serving institutions.

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Reed (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1100, to modify the basis on which an extension of the period for enlistment in the Armed Forces may be made under the Delayed Entry Program.

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McCain (for Lee) Amendment No. 470, relating to mechanisms to facilitate the obtaining by military spouses of occupational licenses or credentials in other States.

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McCain (for Moran/Tester) Amendment No. 601, to require the Secretary of Defense to declassify certain documents related to incidents in which members of the Armed Forces were exposed to toxic substances.

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McCain (for Portman) Amendment No. 712, to require a plan to meet the demand for cyberspace career fields in the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

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McCain (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 780, to increase the maximum term for intergovernmental support agreements to provide installation support services.

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McCain (for Ernst) Amendment No. 873, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the utilization of small businesses with respect to certain Federal contracts.

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McCain Amendment No. 874, to limit authorized cost increases in military construction projects.

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McCain (for Johnson/Flake) Amendment No. 879, to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide greater flexibility to the Coast Guard in deciding the Federal district court in which to prosecute individuals engaged in drug trafficking.

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McCain (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 908, to authorize the modification of the Second Division Memorial.

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McCain (for Rubio) Amendment No. 927, requiring a report on the availability of postsecondary credit for skills acquired during military service.

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McCain (for Isakson/Perdue) Amendment No. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into an agreement providing for the joint use of Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta, Georgia with civil aviation.

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McCain (for Flake) Amendment No. 945, to require information on Department of Defense funding in Department press releases and related public statements on programs, projects, and activities funded by the Department.

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McCain (for Moran) Amendment No. 1006, to modernize Government information technology.

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McCain (for Tillis) Amendment No. 1031, to require a certification and report related to the enhanced multi mission parachute system.

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McCain (for Perdue/Isakson) Amendment No. 1033, to require a report related to the E-8C JSTARS recapitalization program.

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McCain (for Strange) Amendment No. 1034, to express the sense of Congress regarding fire protection in Department of Defense facilities.

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McCain (for Lankford) Amendment No. 1038, to ensure transparency in acquisition programs.

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McCain (for Rounds) Amendment No. 1039, to devolve acquisition authority from the Office of the Secretary of Defense to the military services.

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McCain (for Scott/Brown) Amendment No. 1050, to increase funding for research, development, test, and evaluation for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions of higher education.

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McCain (for Portman) Amendment No. 1055, to require a report on cyber applications of blockchain technology.

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McCain (for Tillis) Amendment No. 1063, to modify the definition of custom-developed computer software.

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McCain (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 1073, to improve section 1653, relating to ground-based interceptor capability, capacity, and reliability.

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McCain (for Strange) Amendment No. 1086, to authorize \$600,000,000 in increased funding for the procurement of one Littoral Combat Ship for the Navy above the President's budget request.

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McCain (for Graham/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 1096, to prohibit multichannel video programming distributors from being required to carry certain video content that is owned or controlled by the Government of the Russian Federation.

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McCain (for Isakson/Perdue) Amendment No. 1032, to prohibit the availability of funds for retirement of E–8 JSTARS aircraft.

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Withdrawn:

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 545 (to Amendment No. 1003), of a perfecting nature.

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

By 90 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 198), 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 bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, as amended, be printed as passed by the Senate.

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Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act: Senate passed S. 188, to prohibit the use of

Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government.

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School Bus Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 260, designating September 2017 as "School Bus Safety Month".

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Alaska Wild Salmon Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 261, recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Alaska Wild Salmon Month".

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70th Anniversary of the Air Force: Senate agreed to S. Res. 262, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Air Force as an independent military service and celebrating the Air Force for 70 years of serving and defending the United States.

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Emanuel Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William J. Emanuel, of California, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

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Prior to 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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Francisco Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, at approximately 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, with the time until the cloture vote equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time expire at 12:15 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—199)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 10:39 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5811.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 3802–3807; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 529 were introduced. **Page H7429**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7429–30**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H.R. 3668, to provide for the preservation of sportsmen's heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–314, Part 1). **Page H7429**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7427**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, DC. **Page H7427**

Senate Referrals: S. 129 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 1393 was held at the desk. S. 1532 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 1536 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H7427**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 7427.

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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D977)

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. Signed on September 14, 2017. (Public Law 115–58)

H.R. 624, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on Federal documents sent by mail. Signed on September 15, 2017. (Public Law 115–59)

S. 1616, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Bob Dole, in recognition for his service to the nation as a soldier, legislator, and statesman. Signed on September 15, 2017. (Public Law 115–60)

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 19 through September 22, 2017

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 11 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Noel J. Francisco, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of William J. Emanuel, of California, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Censky, of Missouri, to be Deputy Secretary, and Ted McKinney, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, both of the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: September 19, to hold hearings to examine recent Navy incidents at sea, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 1693, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Glick, of Virginia, and Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and David S. Jonas, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the vegetation management requirements for electricity assets located on Federal lands and to receive testimony on Section 2310 of S. 1460, to provide for the modernization of the energy and natural resources policies of the United States, and H.R. 1873, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to enhance the reliability of the electricity grid and reduce the threat of wildfires to and from electric transmission and distribution facilities on Federal lands by facilitating vegetation management on such lands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Dourson, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, David Ross, of Wisconsin, and William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, each to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 19, to hold hearings to examine business tax reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 19, business meeting to consider H.R. 390, to provide emergency relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and

war crimes in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes, S. Res. 168, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia, an original bill entitled, "Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017", and the nominations of Barbara Lee, of California, and Christopher Smith, of New Jersey, both to be a Representative to the Seventy-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Doug Manchester, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Kathleen Troia McFarland, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Stephen B. King, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, all of the Department of State, and Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the African Development Bank, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the African Development Fund, and United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, and A. Wess Mitchell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (European and Eurasian Affairs), both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, and Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, and Daniel M. Gade, of North Dakota, both to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 20, Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, to hold hearings to examine end of the year spending, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Annemarie Carney Axon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Michael Lawrence Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and William M. Ray II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 19, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 20, to hold hearings to examine disaster preparedness and response, focusing on the special needs of older Americans, 9 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Thursday, September 21

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess following disposition of the nomination of Noel J. Francisco until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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