transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary (Economic Policy), Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate on September 7, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6477. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 56(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certificate for three-fourths of the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List of Automatic 5.56mm rifles to the UAE in the amount of four units (Table No. D1YT–18–624); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6478. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13133 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunication-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6479. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration’s fiscal year 2018 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–6480. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary and Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–6481. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment to Premium Processing Fee” (RIN1660–AA94) (Docket No. FEMA–2018–0015) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–6482. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment to Premium Processing Fee” (RIN1660–AA94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 5, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6483. A communication from the Assistant Commissioner, Community Protection and Border Security Service, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators” (RIN3941–AD66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6484. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2018” (FCC 18–126) proposed in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table:

POTENTIALS AND MEMORIALS

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court in Coleman v. Miller, 307 U.S. 433, at 456 (1939), recognized that Congress is in a unique position to judge the tenor of the nation, to be aware of the political, social, and economic factors affecting the nation, and to be aware of the importance of the nation of the proposed amendment; and

Whereas, If an amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been proposed by two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures, it is for Congress under the principles of Coleman v. Miller to determine the validity of the state ratifications occurring after a time limited in the proposed clause, but not in the amendment itself; and

Whereas, Constitutional equality for women and men continues to be timely in the United States and worldwide, and a number of other nations have achieved constitutional equality for their women and men; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the One Hundredth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America set forth in this resolution is ratified; and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Archivist of the United States, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, the United States, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.


By Mr. GRAESELEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

SEC. 2823. A bill to modernize copyright law, and for other purposes.

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 323. A bill to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, and for other purposes.

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4867. A bill to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE—TREATY

The following executive report of committee was submitted:
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By Mr. COBBLER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:


The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

Resolution of the Senate on Ratification.

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to Understandings and Declarations.


Sec. 2. Understandings.

The Senate's advice and consent under section 1 is subject to the following understandings, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification:

(1) It is the understanding of the United States that paragraph (2)(e) of Article 4 excludes from the scope of the Convention the assignment of—

(A) receivables that are securities, regardless of whether such securities are held as an intermediary;

(B) receivables that are not securities, but are financial assets or instruments, if such financial assets or instruments are held by an intermediary;

(2) It is the understanding of the United States that the phrase "that place where the central administration of the assignor or the assignee is located and under which payment rights are determined by reference to—

(A) the location of the assignor and assignee, or

(B) different rules of law selected by the parties, so long as the assignor and assignee are notified of the selection and agree to it;

(3) It is the understanding of the United States that the reference in the definition of "financial contract" in Article 5(a), to "to any other transaction similar to any transaction referred to above entered into in financial markets" is intended to include transactions that are or become the subject of recurrent dealings, that are not a single occurrence, and under which payment rights are determined by reference to—

(A) the location of the assignor and assignee, or

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(4) It is the understanding of the United States that because the Convention applies only to "receivables," which are defined in Article 2(a) as contractual rights to payment of a monetary sum, the Convention does not apply to other rights of a party to a license of intellectual property or an assignment or other transfer of an interest in intellectual property, including interests that are not a contractual right to payment of a monetary sum.

(5) The United States understands that, with respect to Article 23 of the Convention, the Article requires a Contracting State to provide a certain minimum level of rights to an assignee with respect to proceeds, but that it does not require Contracting States from providing additional rights in such proceeds to such an assignee.

Sec. 3. Declarations to be Included in the Instrument of Ratification.

The Senate's advice and consent under section 1 is subject to the following declarations:

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MURKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BERNSTEIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. KING):

S. 3429. A bill to require the Secretaries of Health and Human Services to issue guidance to States to improve care for infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome and their mothers and fathers under Medicaid; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. Tester):

S. 3430. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of certain seasonal airports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. RUSH):

S. 3431. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to certain militias in Iraq that are backed by the Government of Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 3432. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules requiring the inclusion of new safety equipment in school buses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TOOKEY:

S. 3433. A bill to exempt firefighters and police officers from the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provisions under the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. CASALOZZI, Mr. HAWKINS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOOHER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HARRIS, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3435. A bill to amend the Higher Educational Opportunity Act of 1992 to direct the Secretary of Education to issue guidance and recommendations for institutions of higher education on removing criminal and juvenile justice questions from the student application for admissions process; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. WARNER, Mrs. SHARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HETIKAMP, Ms. HIRANO, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mrs. FINKENSTEIN):

S. 3436. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for greater annuity protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):


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By Mr. MERRICK (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. KING):

S. 3422. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require warning labels for prescription opioids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. VAN HEPHER, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. CASEY):

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