

Monday, December 17, 2018

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-elect Cindy Hyde-Smith, of Mississippi, was administered the oath of office by the President pro tempore.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7627–S7735

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3760–3762, and S. Res. 732. **Pages S7656–57**

Measures Passed:

Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1862, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7628–31

McConnell (for Menendez) Amendment No. 4106, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7629–31**

Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 2200, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Murray) Amendment No. 4107, to strike the section of the bill establishing preferred places of accommodation for Federal employees.

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Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act: Senate passed S. 1520, to expand recreational fishing opportunities through enhanced marine fishery conservation and management, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7636–39

McConnell (for Wicker/Manchin) Amendment No. 4115, in the nature of a substitute.

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Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act: Senate passed S. 3191, to provide for the expeditious disclosure of records related to civil rights cold cases, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7727–31**

Crapo (for Jones) Amendment No. 4153, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7731–34**

READI Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 3238, to improve oversight by the Federal Communications Commission of the wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7734–35**

Crapo (for Schatz) Amendment No. 4154, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7735**

House Messages:

Save Our Seas Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S7639**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4108, to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison. **Page S7639**

Division I of McConnell (for Kennedy/Cotton) Amendment No. 4109 (to Amendment No. 4108), to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to notify each victim of the offense for which the prisoner is imprisoned the date on which the prisoner will be released. **Page S7639**

Division II of McConnell (for Kennedy/Cotton) Amendment No. 4109 (to Amendment No. 4108),

to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to notify each victim of the offense for which the prisoner is imprisoned the date on which the prisoner will be released. **Page S7639**

Division III of McConnell (for Kennedy/Cotton) Amendment No. 4109 (to Amendment No. 4108), to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to notify each victim of the offense for which the prisoner is imprisoned the date on which the prisoner will be released. **Page S7639**

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

By 82 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 267), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4108 (listed above). **Page S7650**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House Message to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 18, 2018; and that all time during recess, adjournment, Morning Business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the motion to concur. **Page S7635**

Abolish Human Trafficking Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1311, to provide assistance in abolishing human trafficking in the United States. **Page S7628**

Trafficking Victims Protection Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1312, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States. **Page S7628**

CENOTE Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2511, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems. **Page S7727**

Appointments

Syria Study Group: The Chair, pursuant to the provisions of section 1501 of Public Law 115–254, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed

Services, appointed the following individual as a member of the Syria Study Group: Lieutenant General Charles T. Cleveland (US Army, retired), of Virginia. **Page S7727**

Swearing in of Senator Hyde-Smith: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election for Senator-elect Cindy Hyde-Smith, of the State of Mississippi, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S7627**

Maguire Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph Maguire, of Florida, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence. **Page S7648**

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 House Message to accompany S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris. **Page S7648**

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. **Page S7648**

Messages from the House: **Page S7656**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S7655–56**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7658–S7727**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—267) **Page S7650**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7735.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 7316–7326, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H10269–70

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business 115th Congress (H. Rept. 115–1079).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Francis Rooney (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Peoples Church Jacksonville, TX.

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Syria Study Group—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following individual to the Syria Study Group: Ms. Anne W. Patterson of Falls Church, Virginia.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 19th for Morning Hour debate.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of four resolutions that include two construction prospectuses, one alteration prospectus, and one lease prospectus included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on December 12, 2018.

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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 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

KEEPING FAMILIES SAFELY TOGETHER

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Friday, December 14, 2018, Commission received a

briefing on best practices for keeping families safely together from Jessica Foster, Youth Villages; Christine Calpin, Casey Family Programs; and Maridel Sandberg, Together for Good.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Committee received a briefing on religious freedom and government regulation of Islam from Kathleen Collins, University of Minnesota; Edward Lemon, Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security; Emil Nasrutdinov, American University of Central Asia; and Peter Mandaville, George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1276)

H.R. 754, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East. Signed on December 13, 2018. (Public Law 115–310)

H.R. 1207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the “Tilden Veterans Post Office”. Signed on December 13, 2018. (Public Law 115–311)

S. 2377, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on December 13, 2018. (Public Law 115–312)

S. 3414, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, as the “Captain Matthew J. August Post Office”. Signed on December 13, 2018. (Public Law 115–313)

S. 3442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 Duff Street in Macon, Missouri, as the “Arla W. Harrell Post Office”. Signed on December 13, 2018. (Public Law 115–314)

H.R. 3946, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the Ray Hendrix Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic. Signed on December 14, 2018. (Public Law 115–315)

H.R. 4407, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the “Corporal Jeffrey Allen Williams Post Office Building”. Signed on December 14, 2018. (Public Law 115–316)

H.R. 5238, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office”. Signed on December 14, 2018. (Public Law 115–317)

S. 3209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 413 Washington Avenue in Belleville, New Jersey, as the “Private Henry Svehla Post Office Building”. Signed on December 14, 2018. (Public Law 115–318)

S. 3237, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 12th Street Lobby in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Richard W. Williams, Jr., Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office”. Signed on December 14, 2018. (Public Law 115–319)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 18 through December 21,
2018

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 756, Save Our Seas Act (legislative vehicle for Criminal Justice Reform), with further amendment, post-cloture.

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 Judiciary: December 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine a comparative look at competition law approaches to monopoly and abuse of dominance in the United States and European Union, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: December 19, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine VA MISSION Act implementation, focusing on tracking transformation, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

House Committees

Committee on Financial Services, December 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Legislative Proposal to Provide for a Sustainable Housing Finance System: The Bipartisan Housing Finance Reform Act of 2018”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The National Debt: Washington, We Have a Spending Problem”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, December 19, Full Committee, hearing on the Senate amendment to H.R. 88, the “Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: December 19, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine VA MISSION Act implementation, focusing on tracking transformation, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, December 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 756, Save Our Seas Act (legislative vehicle for Criminal Justice Reform), with further amendment, post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

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