

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 756, First Step Act, with a further amendment.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7737–S7822

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3763–3777. **Pages S7789–90**

Measures Passed:

Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 6615, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7745–46

Grassley (for Alexander) Amendment No. 4155, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7745–46**

National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 2200, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7805–09

Boozman (for Thune) Amendment No. 4157, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7806–09**

Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act: Senate passed S. 3085, to establish a Federal Acquisition Security Council and to provide executive agencies with authorities relating to mitigating supply chain risks in the procurement of information technology, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7809–13

Boozman (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 4158, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7813–17**

Department of Transportation Reports Harmonization Act: Senate passed S. 3367, to amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, after with-

drawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7817–20

Boozman (for Thune) Amendment No. 4159, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7819–20**

Douglas Fournet Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3444, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lake Charles, Louisiana, as the "Douglas Fournet Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic", and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Page S7820

Boozman (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 4160, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7820**

Effective Prosecution of Possession of Biological Toxins and Agents Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2, to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error, and the bill was then passed.

Pages S7820–21

Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017: Senate passed S. 3777, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a tiger team dedicated to addressing the difficulties encountered by the Department of Veterans Affairs in carrying out section 3313 of title 38, United States Code, after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017.

Pages S7821–22

Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4227, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, and the bill was then passed, after

agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7822**

Boozman (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 4162, relating to the term “vehicular terrorism”. **Page S7822**

Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act: Senate passed H.R. 7213, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office. **Page S7822**

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1235, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7822**

House Messages

First Step Act: By 87 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, with McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4108, to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7740–45, S57746–52, S7753–81

Adopted:

McConnell (for Cruz) Amendment No. 4131 (to Amendment No. 4108), to expand the list of offenses for which a prisoner is ineligible to receive certain time credits and to modify a provision relating to a limitation on faith-based activities. **Page S7781**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 268), 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. **Pages S7778–79**

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 269), 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 S7780**

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 270), 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 vic-

tim of the offense for which the prisoner is imprisoned the date on which the prisoner will be released. **Pages S7780–81**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Thea M. Lee of the District of Columbia for a term expiring December 31, 2020. **Page S7805**

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107–12, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Joseph Fox of New York. **Page S7805**

Maguire Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, Senate resume 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 S7822**

Executive Communications: **Pages S7785–89**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S7791–96**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7783–85**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7796–S7805**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7805**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—271) **Pages S7779–81**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7822.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

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. D1288)

H.R. 315, to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services. Signed on December 17, 2018. (Public Law 115–320)

H.R. 1417, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms. Signed on December 17, 2018. (Public Law 115–321)

H.R. 1861, to award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Lawrence Eugene “Larry” Doby in recognition of his achievements and contributions to American major league athletics, civil rights, and the Armed Forces during World War II. Signed on December 17, 2018. (Public Law 115–322)

H.R. 3398, to amend the Real ID Act of 2005 to permit Freely Associated States to meet identifica-

tion requirements under such Act. Signed on December 17, 2018. (Public Law 115–323)

H.R. 6330, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns. Signed on December 17, 2018. (Public Law 115–324)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Judiciary: 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: 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

Committee on Rules, 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: 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., Wednesday, December 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, December 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Joseph Maguire, of Florida, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The House will meet at 12 noon.



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