

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: **Pages S7631–36**

McConnell (for Murray) Amendment No. 4107, to strike the section of the bill establishing preferred places of accommodation for Federal employees. **Page S7636**

***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. **Pages S7638–39**

***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**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S7657**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S7657–58**

**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.