NOTE: The House was only in pro-forma session during the week of September 17-23, 2017.

SELECTED NEW PUBLIC LAWS ENACTED:

PUBLIC LAW 115-59: The President signed into law H.R. 624, Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 (Sept. 15, 2017; 131 Stat. 1152; 2 pages)

SELECTED FLOOR/CHAMBER ACTIONS:


ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE: On September 18, 2017, by 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 199), the Senate passed the National Defense Authorization Act, 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 amendments and motions proposed thereto. See v. 163 Cong. Record, pages S5776–84, September 18, 2017.


ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE: On September 19, 2017, the Senate continued consideration of the nomination of William J. Emanuel, of California, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. During consideration the Senate, by 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 202), agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination and will hold a vote on Monday, September 25, 2017. See v. 163 Cong. Record, pages S5835–42, September 19, 2017.
ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE: On September 19, 2017, the Senate confirmed the nomination, by 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 201), Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States. During consideration the Senate also, by 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 200), agreed to a motion to close further debate on the nomination. See v. 163 Cong. Record, pages S5825–35, September 19, 2017.

SELECTED MEASURES INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE:

By Mr. LANGEVIN, D-RI (for himself and Mr. Ted Lieu, D-CA): H.R. 3806. A bill to establish a national data breach notification standard, and for other purposes; to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. Introduced September 18, 2017.

SELECTED MEASURES INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE:

By Mr. REED, D-RI (for himself and five cosponsors): S. 1828. A bill to change the date for regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office to the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November in every even-numbered year; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Introduced September 18, 2017.

By Mr. PAUL, R-KY: S. 1830. A bill to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Introduced September 19, 2017.

By Mr. PETERS, D-MI (for himself, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Udall): S. 1832. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from using Government funds to pay for the lodging of agency employees at establishments that are owned by or employ certain public officials or their relatives; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Introduced September 19, 2017.

By Ms. WARREN, D-MA (for herself and six cosponsors): S. 1838. A bill to repeal the authority under the National Labor Relations Act for States to enact laws prohibiting agreements requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Introduced September 19, 2017.

By Ms. HASSAN, D-NH: S. 1840. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a working America tax credit; to the Committee on Finance. Introduced September 19, 2017.
By Mr. WICKER: R-MS

S. 1841. A bill to amend the National Apprenticeship Act to provide that applications relating to apprenticeship programs shall be processed in a fair and timely manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ, D-HI (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Bennet):

S. 1846. A bill to repeal the debt ceiling; to the Senate Committee on Finance. Introduced September 19, 2017.

By Mr. BROWN, D-OH:

S. 1849. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the earned income tax credit to account for the amount by which economic growth has outpaced income growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. Introduced September 19, 2017.

SELECTED STUDIES/REPORTS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM: See the Board’s Annual Report to Congress and other reports presented to Congress on the Board’s Publications website. See also periodic required reports to Congress by the Board (Intranet site).


CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE: The CBO produces dozens of publications and legislative cost estimates every year on a variety of topics including those on the Budget, on the Economy, on Employment and Labor Markets, on Finance, on Housing, on Income Distribution, on Taxes, and on other topics. See especially its analysis of the American Health Care Act, H.R. 1628 as well as a CRS report on H.R. 1628.
SELECTED FEDERAL REGULATORY ACTIONS:

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION: The above agencies propose to amend their regulations implementing the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) to update the existing definitions of "home mortgage loan" and "consumer loan," related cross references, and the public file content requirements to conform recent revisions made by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau) to Regulation C, which implements the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), and to remove obsolete references to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Comments must be received on or before October 20, 2017. See v. 82 Fed. Register, pages 43910-43920, September 20, 2017 (FR Doc No 2017-19765).

APPRAISAL SUBCOMMITTEE - FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL: The Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council requests public comment on a proposal to revise ASC Policy Statements. The proposed Policy Statements provide guidance to ensure State appraiser regulatory programs comply with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder. The proposed Policy Statements would supersede the current ASC Policy Statements. The ASC previously published the Proposed Revised Policy Statements on January 10, 2017, under Docket Number AS17-01. The comment period was scheduled to close on April 10, 2017. The ASC suspended the comment period in response to the White House Chief of Staff Memorandum titled Regulatory Freeze Pending Review, signed on January 20, 2017, pending review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Technical edits for clarification have been made to the proposed Policy Statements since the initial publication, which are addressed below in Supplementary Information, section III, Statement-by-Statement. Comments must be received on or before November 20, 2017. See v. 82 Fed. Register, pages 43966-43983, September 20, 2017 (FR Doc No 2017-19998). https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2017-09-20/pdf/2017-19998.pdf

FEDERAL BANKING AGENCIES: A website of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis lays out recent updates to Federal Banking Regulations. See also the news releases from the public websites of the FRB, the OCC, the FDIC, the CFPB, the CFTC and the SEC.

HOW TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS:

Most of the legislative and regulatory material noted above can be obtained on the Internet (see links within each item) through Congress.gov, the legislative database of the Library of Congress, or through the United States Government Publishing Office via FDsys and GovInfo.gov. Congressional hearings are normally published several months after a hearing occurs, but prepared statements of witnesses, as well as archived webcasts, can be obtained on most Congressional committee websites. Board prepared statements before Congress and press releases on its regulatory actions are available on the Board's public Web site. Selected unofficial transcripts of congressional hearings may also be available on certain commercial databases.