

# U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Activity Report 2015-2018

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Sen. John Thune, Chairman



# A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN THUNE

January 2019

For the past four years, I've been honored to chair the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. I'm proud the committee has done its job helping Congress pass bipartisan legislation setting policy for nearly every federal transportation agency, as well as many others affecting science, technology, and our environment.

We enacted more than one hundred legislative proposals into law, including many first-ever accomplishments and others that ended years of absent or shorter congressional updates. Amidst a changing economy, our oversight also created important accountability and laid the groundwork for future legislation.

This report offers an overview of the committee's work for the American people. Our productivity, including the efforts of our subcommittee leaders, offers a compelling challenge to the conventional perception that Congress can't find common ground to address important problems. I have greatly enjoyed my time leading the committee and appreciate my colleagues for their support and the people of South Dakota for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Thune". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and the last name "Thune" clearly distinguishable.

# Four Years of Accomplishments





*In a rare hearing featuring multiple department heads, the committee hears from five cabinet members: Secretary Elaine Chao, U.S. Department of Transportation; Secretary Wilbur Ross, U.S. Department of Commerce; Secretary Alexander Acosta, U.S. Department of Labor; Secretary Sonny Perdue, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Secretary Rick Perry, U.S. Department of Energy.*

# Aviation

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- New policy initiatives will add certainty, guidance, and stability into 2023.
- A *Washington Post* consumer columnist called Senate legislative reforms, “an amazing win for consumers.”
- Among the improvements established in law:
  - Refunds for paid baggage fees when items are lost or unreasonably delayed.
  - Requirements for sanitary, private rooms for nursing mothers in all large and medium airport terminals.
  - Posting of security line wait times in airports and online.
  - New restrictions against forcibly removing passengers from seats.
  - Streamlined regulatory approval processes to strengthen the competitiveness of domestic aviation design and manufacturing.
  - Steps furthering the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the airspace.
  - New requirements to improve the quality of air travel for passengers with disabilities.

# Railroad Service

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- Avoided major rail network disruptions while shepherding implementation of new Positive Train Control (PTC) safety technology to mitigate the risk of train-on-train collisions, accidents caused by excessive speed, and certain other preventable accidents.
- Passed the first-ever reauthorization of the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB), the economic regulator of freight rail shipping. Reforms improve agency operations and give board members new tools to settle shipping-rate and service disputes.
- Set a five-year course for passenger rail policy into 2020. Reformed federal rail project financing programs, streamlined permitting processes, and established federal-state partnerships to help better meet infrastructure and maintenance requirements.
- Improved the safety of rail transportation of hazardous materials by strengthening rail tank cars, closing regulatory loopholes, and better supporting first responders.



*Chairman John Thune meets with Ronald Batory, Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).*

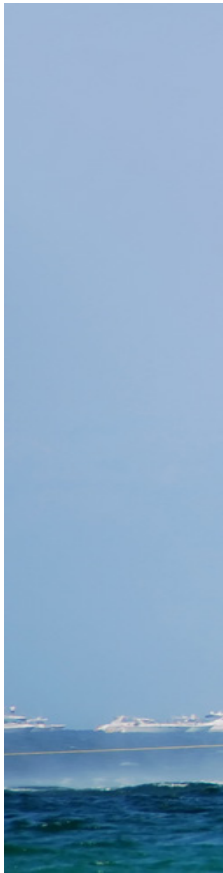


*Ronald Batory, Administrator of the FRA; Susan Fleming, Director of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Kevin Corbett, Executive Director, NJ Transit; Scot Maparstek, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Amtrak, at a October 2018 hearing on the Implementation of PTC.*

# Maritime & Oceans Policy

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- Passed new requirements to make U.S. Maritime Academy students safer from sexual assault and sexual harassment on federal maritime vessels and privately owned vessels utilized for federal purposes. Gave survivors additional rights and tools to receive assistance in threatening situations.
- Twice reauthorized the U.S. Coast Guard, giving the men and women who safeguard our shores new tools to interdict smugglers and approving construction of a new Arctic ice-breaking vessel.
- Created certainty for mariners and coastal community ecosystems by setting a single, strong, and enforceable standard for vessel ballast water discharges.
- Provided tools for States and Tribes to protect and manage endangered salmon populations while maintaining healthy marine mammal populations.



*Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wash.), chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, at a July 2018 hearing on NOAA's Blue Economy Initiative.*



# Surface Transportation & Road Safety

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- Passed the longest surface transportation program authorization since 1998, creating funding and policy direction into 2020.
- Emphasized road safety by putting into law new incentives for safety whistleblowers in industry, prohibitions on renting vehicles under recall, and more resources for safety regulators.
- Provided common sense relief from red tape for agricultural transportation including truckers hauling livestock and relief from the need for special licenses for certain farm equipment like custom harvesters.
- Directed the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to assess overall security risks, not just to aviation, in determining the security needs of surface transportation.
- Closed safety gaps in transportation-related drug and alcohol testing regulations to combat the ongoing national opioid abuse epidemic.



*Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, at a subcommittee hearing.*

# Science, Weather, & Space

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*Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Ed Markey (D-Mass.), chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Space, Science and Competitiveness, at a September 2018 hearing.*

- Maximized taxpayer investments in science research by enacting reforms to increase accountability, eliminate unnecessary paperwork requirements, promote entrepreneurship, and foster Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities.
- Reformed both NASA and private sector operations to ensure the United States continues its leadership in space.
- Enacted landmark weather forecasting reform legislation with a focus on enhancing weather predictions for periods between two weeks and two years. Improved seasonal forecasting will help farmers and others prepare for rainy falls and cold springs.
- Launched the first federal initiative to develop and accelerate quantum science, which has implications for our nation's security and economic competitiveness.



*Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), chairman of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, at a hearing in July 2018.*

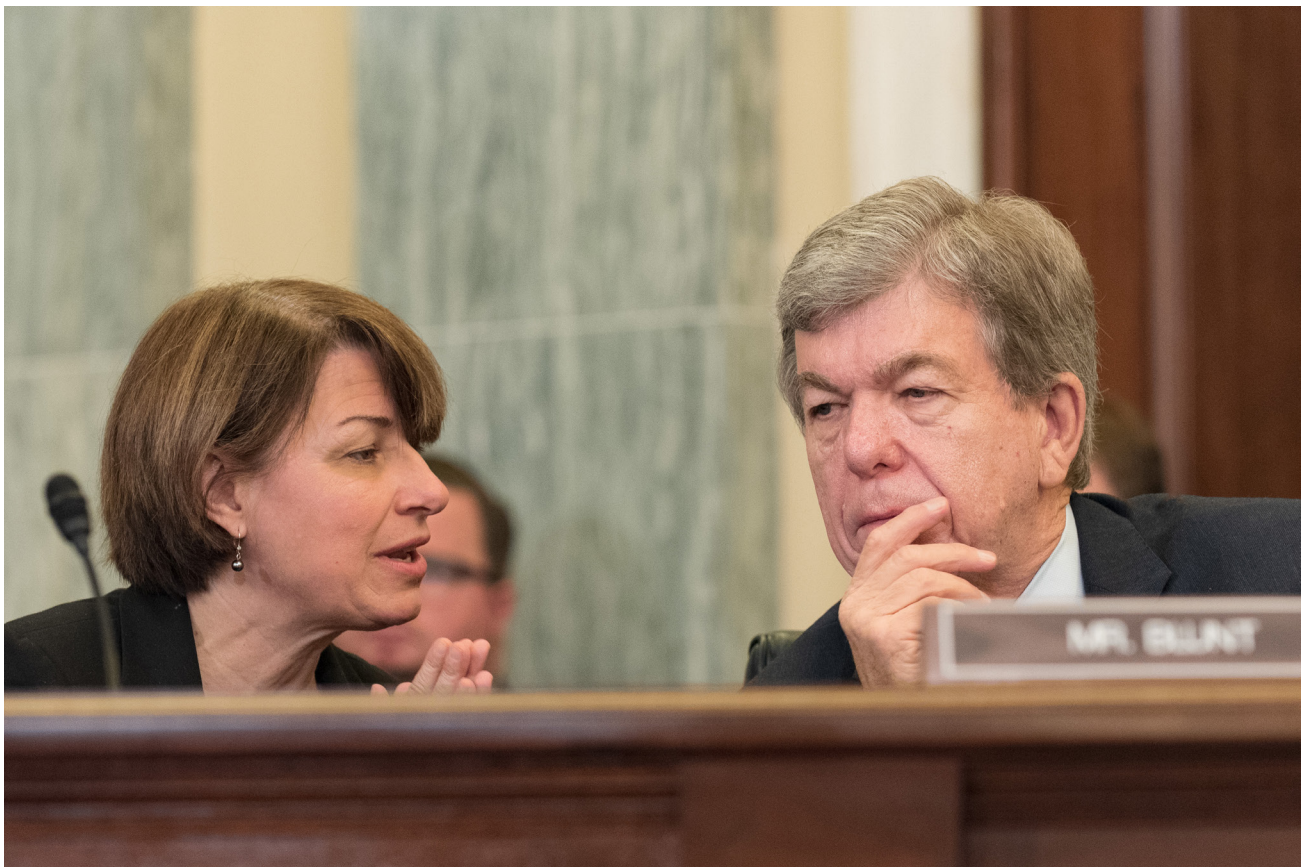


*Chairman Thune and President José-Marie Griffiths host a cybersecurity roundtable at Dakota State University in October 2017.*

# Digital Networks

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- Promoted American leadership in next-generation 5G mobile networks through legislation to identify spectrum, speed infrastructure deployment, and promote unlicensed spectrum that enables Wi-Fi and the billions of small “smart” devices that will make up the Internet of Things.
- Furthered programs designed to help connect Americans in rural areas to critical internet-based healthcare solutions.
- Worked with regulators to increase funding and operation of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Connect America program to support broadband deployment in rural and high-cost areas.
- Supported the critical role of consumer reviews in the online economy by outlawing “gag clauses” used to silence customers who share critical but honest views of purchases.
- Enacted legislation to provide cybersecurity resources for small businesses to better protect against cyber threats, and to update a federal cybersecurity scholarship-for-service program to address the cybersecurity workforce skills gap.



*Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) at a 2018 FCC Oversight hearing.*

# Oversight & The Future Economy

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**In a joint hearing with the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senators asked Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg critical questions following revelations of user privacy violations. This inquiry launched a larger conversation about online privacy legislation, which included hearings with tech leaders and privacy advocates.**

# Oversight & The Future Economy continued

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The committee called the former CEOs of Equifax and Yahoo! to testify about cyber intrusions that exposed sensitive consumer information to bad actors. The committee's oversight underscored that corporate leaders should be held to account even when the details of a breach are not fully known when first detected.

*Mr. Paulino do Rego Barros, Jr., Interim CEO, Equifax; Mr. Richard Smith, Former CEO, Equifax; Ms. Marissa Mayer, Former CEO, Yahoo!, Inc.; Ms. Karen Zacharia, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer, Verizon Communications, Inc. (parent company of Yahoo! since 2017), at November 2017 hearing.*

Everyone hates unwanted, illegal robocalls. The committee subpoenaed a prolific robocaller caught by regulators for hearing testimony that helped inform legislation seeking to create effective civil and criminal deterrents to robocall scams.

*Mr. Adrian Abramovich testifying under subpoena during April 2018 hearing.*





After a heartbreaking hearing featuring testimony from the mother of a murdered sex-trafficking victim, the committee approved a new law creating more responsibility for online websites and other platforms to police illicit postings that underpin the business of traffickers.

*Ms. Yvonne Ambrose, mother of Desiree Robinson.*

Examining systemic failures that allowed former USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University doctor Larry Nassar to abuse young victims for years, a Commerce subcommittee surfaced answers aimed at stopping it from happening again. In 2018, President Trump signed committee legislation setting up an independent, non-conflicted entity for amateur athletes to report abuse.

*Subcommittee Chairman Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) lead a hearing on the Nassar scandal.*



Committee hearings and vehicle demonstrations started critical conversations about federal motor vehicle regulations in a world with self-driving vehicles.

*Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Chairman John Thune (R-S.D.), and Ranking Member Bill Nelson (R-Fla.) at a field hearing examining self-driving and other automotive technologies..*

# *A Record of Firsts & Lasting Impacts...*

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First reauthorization of the FCC in more than a quarter century.

First reauthorization of the STB in its 20-year history.

First reauthorization of the TSA since its creation in 2001.

First bills paving the way for the 5G future.

First law to promote the future of quantum science.

Longest surface transportation reauthorization since 1998.

Longest reauthorization of the FAA since 1982.

Largest overhaul of weather forecasting laws since the 1990s.

First law to hold websites accountable for facilitating sex trafficking.

First law protecting athletes in the Olympic movement from sexual assault.

First laws to protect honest online reviews and stop ticket-buying “bots” from scamming consumers.



# By the Numbers

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**114** PROPOSALS ENACTED INTO LAW

**73** CONFIRMED NOMINATIONS

**203** HEARINGS

**32** LEGISLATIVE MARKUPS



*Chairman Thune (R-S.D.) and Ranking Member Nelson (D-Fla.) at a July 2018 Sharks! hearing.*

# 114th Congress

## Committee Bills Signed into Law

### **S. 1732, Comprehensive Transportation and Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.)

### **S. 1626, Railroad Reform, Enhancement, and Efficiency Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

### **S. 808, Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla)

### **S. 806, Drug-Free Commercial Driver Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Boozman (R-Ark.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.)

### **S. 650, Railroad Safety and Positive Train Control Extension Act (H.R. 3819)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.)

### **S. 766, Driver Privacy Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

### **S. 304, Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.)

### **S. 1298, Port Performance Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla)

### **S. 834, Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla)

### **S. 769, Track, Railroad, and Infrastructure Network Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

### **S. 797, Railroad Infrastructure Financing Improvement Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

Committee cosponsors: Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

### **S. 1182, JSA Broadcast TV Bill (H.R. 2029)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.)

### **S. 1669, Truck Safety Reform Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

### **S. 1672, Commercial Driver Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

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**S. 1916, Rural Health Care Connectivity Act (H.R. 2576)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsor: Sens. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

**S. 1359, The E-Warranty Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)

**S. 127, Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.)

**S. 1173, Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Car Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)

**S. 1433, Improving Driver Safety Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

Committee cosponsors: Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

**S. 1535, Safety Through Informed Consumers Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.)

**S. 1741, Tire Efficiency, Safety, and Registration Act (H.R. 22)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

**H.R. 23, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas)

**H.R. 1020, STEM Education Act**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas)

**H.R. 719, TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.)

**H.R. 720, Gerardo Hernandez Airport Security Act**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.)

**S. 1334, Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act (H.R. 774)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

**S. 1326, Maritime Administration Enhancement Act (S. 1356)**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

**S. 143, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Improvements Act (S. 1356)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

**S. 1040, ROV In-Depth Examination Act (H.R. 2029)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

**S. 976, Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act (H.R. 2262)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

**S. 2658, Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act (H.R. 636)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

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# 114th Congress

## Committee Bills Signed into Law

### **S. 142, Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Tom Udall (D-N.M.)

### **S. 2276, Pipes Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Gary Peters (D-Mich.)

### **S. 1611, Coast Guard Authorization Act (H.R. 4188)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

### **S. 2829, Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act (S. 2943)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

### **S. 2206, NOAA Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Act (S. 2943)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.)

### **H.R. 710, Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas)

### **S. 2044, Consumer Review Freedom Act of 2015 (H.R. 5111)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

### **S. 571, Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 (H.R. 636)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.)

Committee Cosponsors: Sens. Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Tom Udall (D-N.M.)

### **S. 592, Improving the Transition Between the Experimental Permits and Commercial Licenses for Commercial Reusable Launch Vehicles (H.R. 2262)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.)

### **S. 1251, Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments Act (H.R. 6452)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.)

### **S. 3084, American Innovation and Competitiveness Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Gary Peters (D-Mich.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.),

### **S. 2635, Coast Guard Ice Breaker Recapitalization Act (S. 2943)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

### **H.R. 2843, TSA Precheck Expansion Act (H.R. 636)\***

Lead Sponsor: Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.)

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**S. 1335, Ensuring Access to Fisheries Act (H.R. 6452)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

Committee cosponsors: Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)

**S. 1336, South Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (H.R. 6452)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)

Committee cosponsors: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

**S. 2987, Screen Fast Act (H.R. 636)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.)

**S. 2219, Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act (H.R. 4665)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Gary Peters (D-Mich.)

**S. 2926, Science Prize Competitions Act (S. 3084)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.)

**S. 2113, Crowdsourcing and Citizen Science Act (S. 3084)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.)

Committee cosponsors: Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)

**S. 2889, American Innovators and Entrepreneurs Act (S. 3084)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.)

Committee cosponsors: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

**H.R. 4698, Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports through Enhanced Security Act (H.R. 636)\***

Lead Sponsor: Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.)

**H.R. 5944, To Amend the Title 49, U.S. Code, With Respect to Certain Grant Assurances**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Fred Upton, (R-Mich.)

**S. 2683, Federal Aviation Administration Veteran Transition Improvement Act (S. 2658)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Maize Hirono (D-Hawaii)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.)

**H.R. 6014, Airport Construction and Alteration Reform Act**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Richard Nolan (D-Minn.)

**S. 1297, U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act (H.R. 2262)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Tom Udall (D-N.M.)

**S. 2779, Manufacturing Extension Partnership Improvement Act (S. 3084)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Gary Peters (D-Mich.)

**S. 2361, Airport Security Enhancement and Oversight Act (H.R. 636)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

**S. 3183, The Better Online Sales Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

**S. 1467, Pedestrian Safety Act of 2015**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)

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# 115th Congress

## Committee Bills Signed into Law

### **S. 442, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Transition Authorization Act of 2017**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Tom Udall (D-N.M.)

### **S. 754, Cyber Scholarship Opportunities Act of 2017 (H.R. 2184)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

### **S. 1096, Maritime Administration Authorization and enhancement Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (H.R. 3201)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

Committee cosponsors: Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

### **S.83, Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act (H.R. 255)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

### **S. 42, Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act (H.R. 321)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

### **S.570, Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 (H.R. 353)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee Cosponsor: Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)

### **S. 61, Dungeness Crab Fishery Management (H.R. 374)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

### **S. 1393, Jobs for our Heroes Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.)

### **S. 1532, No Human Trafficking on our Roads Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

### **S. 1536 Combatting Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.)

### **S. 19, Mobile Now Act (H.R. 1625)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)

### **S. 89, The Delta Queen Bill (S. 140)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.)

### **S. 96, Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

### **S. 102, Securing Access to Networks in Disasters (SANDY) Act (H.R. 1625)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)

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**S. 123, Kari's Law Act (H.R. 582)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)

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Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)

**S. 174, Federal Communication Commission Consolidated Reporting Act (H.R. 1625)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

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**S. 396, A bill to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes**

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**S. 756, Save our Seas Act of 2017 (S. 3508)**

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**S. 770, NIST Small Business Cybersecurity Act**

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**S. 1015, National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2017**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Tom Udall (D-N.M.)

**S. 1057, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017 (S. 2200)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Gary Peters (D-Mich.)

**S. 1426, United States Center for Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 (S. 534)\***

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**S. 168, Commercial Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (S. 140)\***

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**S. 171, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments and Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2017 (S. 140)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

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**S. 374, Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2017 (H.R. 302)\***

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**S. 763, Surface and Maritime Transportation Security Act (S. 302)\***

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**S. 1129, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017 (S. 140)\***

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S. 1405, Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2017 (H.R. 302)\*

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S. 1621, Rural Wireless Access Act of 2017 (H.R. 1625)\*

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S. 1668, A bill to rename a waterway in the State of New York as the "Joseph Sanford Jr. Channel"

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.)

S. 1693, Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act of 2017 (H.R. 1865)\*

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S. 1872, TSA Modernization Act (H.R. 302)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

S. 1896, TSA LEAP Pay Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 302)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.)

S. 2202, National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act (H.R.302)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

S. 2717, Maritime Authorization and Enhancement Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (H.R. 2810)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.)

S. 2842, Opioid Addiction Recovery Fraud Prevention Act of 2018 (H.R. 6)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

S. 2844, STB Information Security Improvement Act (H.R. 4921)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

S. 2848, Fighting Opioid Abuse in Transportation Act (H.R. 6)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

S. 3094, Transportation Worker Identification Credential Accountability Act of 2018 (H.R. 5729)\*

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

Committee cosponsor: Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.)

H.R. 4467, Strengthening Aviation Security Act of 2018 (H.R. 302)\*

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Jody Hice (R-Georgia)

H.R. 4559, Global Aviation System Security Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 302)\*

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Ron Estes (R-Kan.)

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**S. 1520, Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017**

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**S. 1768, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2017**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

**S. 2200, National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2018**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)

**S. 2343, Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act of 2018 (H.R. 2)\***

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

Committee cosponsors: Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.),

**S. 2511, CENOTE Act of 2018**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

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**S. 2941, Strengthening the Cooperative Observer Program Act of 2018 (S. 2200)\***

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**S. 3119, Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act**

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**S. 3143, National Quantum Initiative Act (H.R. 6227)\***

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**S. 3367, Department of Transportation Reports Harmonization Act**

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**H.R. 4254, Women in Aerospace Education Act**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Knight (R-Calif.)

**H.R. 5509, Innovations in Mentoring, Training, and Apprenticeships Act**

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**S. 7, NASA Enhanced Use Leasing Extension Act of 2018**

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