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Bills in the News		
H.R. 1296 (116th Congress) Assault Weapons Ban <i>(Introduced on February 15, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1296/text		This bill makes it a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW) or large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAFD) with certain exceptions.
S. 66 (116th Congress) Assault Weapons Ban of 2019 <i>(Introduced on January 19, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/66/text		This bill makes it a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW) or large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAFD) with certain exceptions and allows a buy-back program
H.R. 8 (116th Congress) Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 <i>(Introduced on January 8, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8/text		This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals). Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check. The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.
H.R. 246 (116th Congress) Opposing Efforts to Delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement Targeting Israel (anti-BDS Movement) <i>(Introduced March 25, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/246/text		This resolution opposes the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement and other efforts targeting Israel. The resolution urges both sides to return to direct negotiations and expresses support for a solution resulting in the state of Israel existing alongside a democratic Palestinian state. It also affirms the right of U.S. citizens to free speech, including the right to protest or criticize U.S. or foreign government policies.
S. 120 (116th Congress) A Resolution Opposing Efforts to Delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement Targeting Israel <i>(Introduced on July 25, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/246/text		This resolution opposes the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDS) and other efforts targeting Israel, and states that BDS undermines the possibility for a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The resolution urges both sides to return to direct negotiations and expresses support for a solution resulting in the state of Israel existing alongside a democratic Palestinian state.
H.R. 3375 (116th Congress) Stopping Bad Robocalls Act <i>(Introduced on July 25, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3375/text		To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls; see detailed information in e-title below.

New Electronic Titles from the FDLP



Do Not Call: Combating Robocalls and Caller ID Spoofing [PDF Download]

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-115hrg31614/pdf/CHRG-115hrg31614.pdf>

So what is a robocall? When the phone rings with an automated prerecorded telemarketing message, that is a robocall. They are a nuisance and they are illegal. Yet every day tens of thousands of American consumers report receiving a robocall.. As technology evolves allowing for a greater volume of robocalls, so are the tactics used to trick consumers into answering. Fortunately, American consumers have options and strategies to fight robocalls and caller ID spoofing and to protect themselves, which are explored in this document. (112pp.)

Future of NATO: New Challenges and Opportunities [PDF Download]

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hrg35790/pdf/CHRG-116hrg35790.pdf>

NATO has evolved in significant ways since its inception. And looking at the different threats we now face today, we must anticipate that it will again evolve in new ways to address this changing landscape. This evolution is important because NATO has long been, and will continue to be, a cornerstone of our security and defense policies. Our strategic advantage over our competitors is that we have a coalition. Russia and China cannot say the same. And that is something we cannot lose sight of nor ever take for granted. However, to maintain this advantage, we need strong American leadership along two fronts. The first is by making it clear that we are committed to NATO and that the alliance cannot be broken or undermined by our adversaries. The second, and the focus of this hearing, is America's role in leading NATO and its member States and partners through this unique period of change, as new members join and as we face new threats that challenge NATO's readiness and ability to respond in an effective and a timely manner. (53pp.)

Built in America: Jobs and Growth in the Manufacturing Sector [PDF Download]

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Makes statements across party and gender lines.

National Park Service



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Independence National Historical Park (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm>

Come visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence still echoes.

Gettysburg National Military Park (<i>Gettysburg, Pennsylvania</i>) https://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm	Retrace the steps of the Union and Confederate armies in the series of battles in Gettysburg which were the turning point of the Civil War.
Pony Express National Historic Trail (<i>Pollock Pines, California</i>) https://www.nps.gov/poex/index.htm	This relay system along the Pony Express National Historic Trail in eight states was the most direct and practical means of east-west communications before the telegraph. Nationalponyexpress.org has maps of routes across states in the West and information.
Grand Canyon National Park (<i>Grand Canyon, Arizona</i>) https://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm	In time and with water, everything changes.