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Bipartisan Bills on Congress.gov

The following bills have recently been introduced in Congress:

S. 1039 (116th Congress) A Joint Resolution to Direct the Removal of the United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that Have Not Been Authorized by Congress

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/68/text>

This joint resolution directs the President to terminate the use of U.S. Armed Forces for hostilities against Iran unless explicitly authorized by a congressional declaration of war or a specific authorization for use of military force against Iran.

H.R. 5823 (115th Congress) Consumer Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2020

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5826/text>

To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and title XI of the Social Security Act to prevent certain cases of out-of-network surprise medical bills, strengthen health care consumer protections, and improve health care information transparency, and for other purposes.

New Electronic Titles from the FDLP



This includes Congressional Hearings on topics in the news

About Face: Examining the Department of Homeland Security's Use of Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Technologies

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hrg38784/pdf/CHRG-116hrg38784.pdf>

The government's use of biometrics is not entirely new. For example, fingerprints have been used as an identification tool for many decades. Other biometrics include DNA, voice pattern, and palm prints. In recent years, facial recognition has become the new chosen form of biometric technology. As facial recognition technology has advanced, its use by the Government and the private sector has also increased. Currently DHS is collecting and storing several different kinds of biometric information and is using this information for multiple purposes. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) are

	<p>using biometrics to conform the identities of travelers, for example. The Secret Service is piloting a surveillance system using facial recognition. Although this technology can be valuable to Homeland Security, it raises serious questions about privacy, data security, transparency, and accuracy. It has the potential to be misused, especially if it falls into the wrong hands.</p>
<p>Creating the Clean Energy Workforce https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hrg38121/pdf/CHRG-116hrg38121.pdf</p>	<p>Protecting our environment and public health was not always a partisan issue, and it should not be today. Not only does climate change pose a risk to our economy and the health and well-being of all Americans, but it is an acute national security threat. For these reasons, it is critical to move to more clean energy and away from fossil fuels. This hearing discusses the new energy economy, which can provide high-quality jobs for all the trades.</p>
<p>The Federal Response to the Epidemic of E-Cigarette Use, Especially Among Children https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hrg38733/pdf/CHRG-116hrg38733.pdf</p>	<p>A large number of junior and senior high teenagers are vaping e-cigarettes. Many of these kids don't know that there is nicotine in e-cigarettes, and that the toll on the lungs is a life-and-death matter. The best remedy so far is public education efforts.</p>
<p>Prison To Proprietorship: Entrepreneurship Opportunities For The Formerly Incarcerated https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-116hrg38061/pdf/CHRG-116hrg38061.pdf</p>	<p>This hearing discusses entrepreneurship training opportunities for the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated. It is an issue that has the potential to help people who have been traditionally locked out of the labor market. The United States has one of the highest incarceration rates in the world. Despite having only 5 percent of the world's population, we have 25 percent of the world's inmates. The First Step Act gives nonviolent offenders a chance to reenter society. Yet, the problem is overwhelming. Many former inmates lack the education and skills needed to engage in a 21st century economy. Many employers do not want to hire them. As part of a solution for this lock-out, SBA's resource partners provide counseling and training to individuals in prison and post-release. As part of the program SCORE provides formerly incarcerated individuals with regular one-on-one mentoring, workshops, and on-line instructions specifically tailored for their unique needs, empowering and enabling them to rebuild their lives and promote economic growth.</p>