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Bills Recently Signed in Laws

H.R. 302 (115th Congress) – FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Signed into law on October 5, 2018)

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/302>

This Bill is a reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration programs for such activities as airport planning and development and noise compatibility planning and programs; general aviation safety standards; implementation of unmanned aircraft systems management; airline customer service improvements; supporting women’s involvement in the aviation field.

S. 2553 (115th Congress) – Know the Lowest Price Act of 2018 (Signed into law on October 4, 2018)

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2553>

This bill prohibits a prescription drug plan under Medicare or Medicare Advantage from restricting a pharmacy from informing an enrollee of any difference between the price, copayment, or coinsurance of a drug under the plan and a lower price of the drug without health-insurance coverage. (Such restrictions are commonly referred to as gag clauses.)

S. 3021 (115th Congress) – America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (Signed into law on October 23, 2018)

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3021>

This bill authorizes the successful Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense program, as well as key investments in critical infrastructure for the nation’s ports, harbors, inland waterways, and drinking water systems.

H.R. 6 (115th Congress) – SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Signed in law on October 24, 2018)

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6>

This Act may be cited as the “Substance Use–Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act” or the “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act”.

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S. 756 (115th Congress) – Save Our Seas Act of 2018

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/756>

This bill reauthorizes for FY2018-FY2022: (1) the Marine Debris Program, (2) an information clearinghouse on marine debris, and (3) enforcement of laws about discarded marine debris from ships. This bill amends the Marine Debris Act to revise the Marine Debris Program to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to work with: (1) other agencies to address both land- and sea-based sources of marine debris, and (2) the Department of State and other agencies to promote international action to reduce the incidence of marine debris.

	<p>The bill urges the President to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support funding for research and development of bio-based and other alternatives or environmentally feasible improvements to materials that reduce municipal solid waste; • Work with foreign countries that contribute the most to the global marine debris problem in order to find a solution to the problem; • Study issues related to marine debris, including the economic impacts of marine debris; and <p>Encourage the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to consider the impact of marine debris in relevant future trade agreements.</p>
<p>H.R. 5515 (115th Congress) – John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5515</p>	<p>This bill authorizes FY2019 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths.</p>
<p>H.R. 38 (115th Congress) – Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/38</p>	<p>This bill amends the federal criminal code to allow a qualified individual to carry a concealed handgun into or possess a concealed handgun in another state that allows individuals to carry concealed firearms.</p>
<p>S 1804 (115th Congress) – Expanded & Improved Medicare for All Act (2017-2018) https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1804</p>	<p>This bill establishes the Medicare for All Program to provide all individuals residing in the United States and U.S. territories with free health care that includes all medically necessary care, such as primary care and prevention, dietary and nutritional therapies, prescription drugs, emergency care, long-term care, mental health services, dental services, and vision care.</p>

<p>Govinfo.gov</p>	
<p>In the News</p>	
<p>Jamal Khashaoggi</p>	<p>A Saudi journalist, self-exiled, was a frequent critic of Saudi leadership. He was evidently killed in the Saudi Embassy in Turkey and brought back to Saudi Arabia. U.S. Department of State is investigating. (cf. the Magnitsky Act)</p> <p>Global Magnitsky Human Rights Act – This law gives the U.S. President 120 days to determine whether a foreign national is behind an extra-judicial killing, torture or other human rights violation of someone exercising freedom of expression. If found guilty, it could lead to sanctions. https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2017-06-20/pdf/2017-12791.pdf</p>

A “caravan” of illegal immigrants: A test of U.S. borders
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-115hhrg31107/pdf/CHRG-115hhrg31107.pdf>

Discussion of the difficulty in creating and enforcing immigration policy for the immigration of thousands from Central America over the past 10 years to the present.

The Library of Congress



Today in History

November 1, 1897

The Library of Congress Building opens
<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-01>

Currently, The Library of Congress contains approximately 883 miles of bookshelves – long enough to stretch from Houston to Chicago

November 11, 1919

Beginning in 1954, the United States designated November 11 as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars
<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-11>

President Wilson declared this day Armistice Day in commemoration of the cease fire between Allied and German troops a year earlier. Between the world wars, November 11 was commemorated as Armistice Day in the United States, Great Britain, and France. After World War II, the holiday was recognized as a day of tribute to veterans of both wars.

November 14, 1732

The Library Company of Philadelphia signed a contract with its first librarian
<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-14>

Founded by Benjamin Franklin and friends in November 1731, the library enrolled members for a fee of forty shillings but had to wait for books to arrive from England before beginning full operation. The advent of free public libraries, supported in large part by Andrew Carnegie, diminished the subscription library's importance. Today subscription libraries, with their rich holdings of rare books, prints, and photographs, are enormously valuable to students of United States history and culture.

November 14, 1900

Composer Aaron Copland is born
<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-14#aaron-copland>

He brought a distinctively American voice to his music. In his later years, Copland composed little, and practically nothing after 1970, although he continued to lecture and conduct into his ninth decade. By that time, he had long since been recognized as the foremost American classical composer of his generation.

November 17, 1869

The Suez Canal Opened
<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-17>

Stretching 101 miles across Egypt's Isthmus of Suez, from Port Said in the north to Suez in the south, the waterway connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Indian Ocean.

November 18, 1883

Creation of U.S. time zones
<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-18#time>

On November 18, 1883, precisely at noon, North American railroads switched to a new standard time system for rail operations, which they called Standard Railway Time (SRT). Although tailored to the railroad companies' train schedules, the new system was quickly adopted nationwide, forestalling federal intervention in civil time for more than thirty years, until 1918, when daylight saving time was introduced.

<p><i>November 19, 1863</i> The Gettysburg Address https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-19</p>	<p>On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered a short speech at the close of ceremonies dedicating the battlefield cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Honoring a request to offer a few remarks, Lincoln memorialized the Union dead and highlighted the redemptive power of their sacrifice. Placing the common soldier at the center of the struggle for equality, Lincoln reminded his listeners of the higher purpose for which blood was shed. Edward Everett, perhaps the most popular orator of the day, spoke for two hours at the ceremony. Yet, Everett admitted to Lincoln, "I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes." In spite of Lincoln's disclaimer that "the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here," his brief speech continues to resonate in the American memory.</p>
<p><i>November 20, 1866</i> Howard University is founded https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-20</p>	<p>It established a seminary for the training of Afro-American clergymen; the founders broadened their mission in 1867 to encompass colleges of liberal arts and medicine.</p>
<p><i>November 20, 1942</i> The Alaskan frontier officially opened the Alaska Highway https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-20#the-alaskan-frontier</p>	<p>In 1867 Secretary of State William H. Seward negotiated the purchase of Alaska for the United States. Congress established The Territory of Alaska in 1912, prompted by the significant gold discoveries of the 1880s and 1890s.</p>
<p><i>November 22, 1963</i> President John F. Kennedy assassinated https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-22</p>	<p>President Kennedy was shot as he rode in a motorcade through the streets of Dallas, Texas; he died shortly thereafter. The thirty-fifth president was forty-six years old and had served less than three years in office. During that short time, Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, became immensely popular both at home and abroad. As a conspiracy theory remains acute, all records are open to the public.</p>
<p><i>November 24, 1963</i> Jack Ruby shoots Lee Harvey Oswald https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-24#ruby-shoots-oswald</p>	<p>On November 24, 1963, Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby shot and killed President John F. Kennedy's accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, in a Dallas police station. Broadcasting live from the scene, television cameras captured Oswald's murder and shocked television viewers became unwitting witnesses to the crime. Ruby was found guilty of murder on March 14, 1964, and sentenced to death.</p>
<p><i>November 26, 1789</i> Thanksgiving https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/november-26</p>	<p>George Washington designated this day as a Day of National Thanksgiving. The next President to issue a Thanksgiving Proclamation was Abraham Lincoln, who called upon Americans to observe the last Thursday of November a day of thanksgiving and praise. After him, FDR chose the third Thursday of November to celebrate Thanksgiving.</p>

