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TSA Modernization Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 27, 2017
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 27, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Sep 27, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 6, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Feb 23, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill reauthorizes Transportation Security Administration (TSA) programs through FY2020 and modifies the authorities, requirements, and organizational structure for the TSA.

The bill codifies the transfer of the TSA from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security. It also establishes a five-year term for the TSA Administrator.

The bill also requires the TSA to:

- authorize third-party testing and evaluation of screening technology;
- develop a validation process for the reciprocal recognition of security equipment technology approvals among international security partners or recognized certification authorities for deployment;
- make information on wait times at airport security checkpoints publicly available in real time online and at airport terminals;
- develop and issue certification standards for the use of third-party explosives detection canine teams for screening of individuals, property, and air cargo;
- establish private sector partnerships to increase the methods and capabilities available for the public to enroll in the PreCheck Program; and
- meet specified targets for expanding PreCheck enrollment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 6, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-266.
- **Jun 6, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 444.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.