

SUPREME COURT NOMINATION

Feinstein Statement on Kavanaugh Confirmation (October 6, 2018)

“The confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh shifts the Supreme Court far to the right, putting women’s reproductive rights, civil rights, environmental protections, worker’s rights, the ability to implement gun safety rules and the ability to hold presidents accountable at risk for a generation. Women and sexual assault survivors have been sent a clear message that there are no consequences for men who abuse women. They can still achieve one of the most powerful positions in the country.”

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Feinstein Supports FAA Reauthorization (October 3, 2018)

“This long-term FAA reauthorization not only keeps the air traffic control system up and running, it includes a number of important reforms to better protect travelers, workers and our communities... Airplane noise continues to be a serious problem for many Californians living near airports. This bill helps us better assess airplane noise and look for ways to reduce its impacts on our communities. The bill closes the loophole that allowed recreational drones to remain unregulated and will establish built-in technological safeguards, changes I’ve advocated for since introducing the Consumer Drone Safety Act in 2015. The bill also increases the penalties for flying drones near first responders fighting wildfires, prohibits weapons on drones and helps combat the use of drones to smuggle contraband across the border or into prisons.”

NET NEUTRALITY

Feinstein: Californians Want Net Neutrality, Will Fight Lawsuit (October 1, 2018)

“Strong net neutrality protections are important for California’s economy, and I’ll continue to support our state’s efforts to protect consumers and fight the Trump administration’s latest lawsuit... Net neutrality ensures users, not their internet service providers, control their online experience. The U.S. Senate has already voted to restore net neutrality protections, but unfortunately it’s now being blocked by House Republicans. The Trump administration’s lawsuit states the FCC can preempt state laws, an argument the courts have rejected in the past. Rather than wasting resources fighting with California, President Trump and House Republicans should stand with the majority of consumers and restore net neutrality for all Americans.”

FAMILY SEPARATION

Feinstein, Harris, Colleagues Call on DHS Sec Nielsen to Take Immediate Steps to Reunify Families (August 14, 2018)

“We call on DHS to take immediate action to locate every deported parent abroad whose separated child remains in government custody. DHS should offer these parents an opportunity to return to the United States on a grant of humanitarian parole to reunite with their child. Such reunited families in turn should be released into the community to pursue claims for asylum or other forms of protection for which they may be eligible.”



PRIORITY BILLS

S. 37 California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act

On October 2, 2018, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee advanced this bill which Senator Feinstein introduced on January 5, 2017. The bill builds upon the legacy of the California Desert Protection Act, Senator Feinstein's landmark legislation that was signed into law by President Clinton in 1994. That bill established Death Valley National Park, Joshua Tree National Park, the Mojave National Preserve and protected more than 7.6 million acres of California desert wilderness. In 2016, Senator Feinstein requested President Obama to expand protections for the desert by creating the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains national monuments. This bill would finish the long-standing efforts started in 1994 to restore and protect the desert and its surrounding communities.

S.3127 Bot Disclosure and Accountability Act of 2018

Senator Feinstein introduced this bill on June 25, 2018. This bill would protect the right of the American public under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to receive news and information from disparate sources by regulating the use of automated software programs intended to impersonate or replicate human activity on social media. The bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.3036 Keep Families Together Act of 2018

Senator Feinstein introduced this bill on June 7, 2018. This bill would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Department of Health and Human Services from removing a child who is under the age of 18 and has no permanent immigration status from his or her parent or legal guardian at or near the port of entry or within 100 miles of the U.S. border. It currently has forty-eight cosponsors.

S.3001 Contra Costa Canal Transfer Act of 2018

Senator Feinstein introduced this bill on June 6, 2018. This bill will authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project. Hearings were held on June 13, 2018 by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. No information on these hearings is yet available.

S.2838 Using Data to Prevent Opioid Diversion Act of 2018

Senator Feinstein introduced this bill on May 15, 2018. It currently has four bipartisan cosponsors. This bill will amend the Controlled Substances Act to require the Drug Enforcement Administration to report certain information on distribution of opioids. On June 19, 2018, it was placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders but no date has yet been released.

S.2773 Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act

Senator Feinstein introduced this bill on April 26, 2018. The Senate Commerce Committee unanimously passed the bill on September 5, 2018. The bill aims to stop the use of large drift nets in California waters in order to reduce unintended bycatch. California is the only state still using these nets which threaten dolphins, porpoises, and other wildlife.