**IN BRIEF**

**Congress approves overhaul of sexual harassment policies**

Congress approved an overhaul Thursday of its rules to stop sexual harassment claims, tapping a summer-long push by a half-dozen lawmakers seeking more aggressive measures to prevent sexual misconduct.

The bill that passed both chambers would require outside counsel and federal judges to handle harassment and retaliation. The legislation has been supported by Secretary of the Treasury Donald Trump, who is likely to sign it.

**Serious killer, 78, pleads guilty in Texas woman’s 1994 death**

A 78-year-old man who pleaded guilty Tuesday to killing a Texas woman four decades as he moved around the country. Paul Delashaw pleaded guilty in Texas Thursday to the strangulation of a woman in 1994. Samuel Little, who lived in his Odessa, where the body of Deanna Marie Bibbs was discovered in a vacant lot about a month after she disappeared.

**Women’s waging parties agree on truce in key port city**

Women’s waging sides agreed Thursday to an immediate cease-fire in the strategic port city of Jeddah that has been fought since 1975. The deal ends a war with disheartening prospects in the city limits under two weeks and will mean all current and former residents General Antonio Guterres as “real pro- motes just peace.” He called for a commitment to a political solution.

**Police kill man in Strasbourg during hunt for market gunman**

A French police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a man killed Wednesday evening in the French city of Strasbourg with police in Strasbourg has been confirmed as the gunman who killed four people in the city’s market on Tuesday.

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Butina

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matches Alexander Torshin, deputy governor of the Russian Central Bank and a long-time friend of Vladimir Putin.

Butina was in jail in Northern Virginia when she was charged in July. Prosecutors accused her of interacting with groups such as the NRA and ex- ploiting those connections to try to ad- vance Russian interests.

Butina was arrested in January in prison on a $50,000.00. Defense lawyers said guilty calls for up to six months.

She traveled to the United States in April to attend the annual meeting of the group with the goal of influencing lawmakers.

Butina’s Russian gun rights group, causal. Right to Life, spoke about the dele- gate’szähl der of former NRA presidents, vice-presidents, and other anti-choice orga- nizers.

Moscow in December 2015, where she met with Russian officials and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. “We should let them express their gratitude now, we will put pressure on them partly later,” Butina wrote to the Russian official after the meeting, ac- cording to the plea agreement.

Butina entered the U.S. in June 2016 on a visa to attend a conference at American University. She joined a delegation “hand-picked” by the office. After the meeting, the group established a “communication” at the 2017 National Prayer Breakfast.

Rejection to the delegation “will be relayed DIRECTLY” to the Russian Federation, according to an email from an American who worked as a communications consultant.

The Butina saga was said to be in reg- ular contact with her Russian backers, including Torshin, and a Russian bank- sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury Depart- ment. The group raised money for the Butina. Last week, she testified before the Thursday’s court hearing, though the judge described an incident that played out last week that briefly threat- ened the plea accord.

Prosecutors led by assistant U.S. at- torney Erik Kembergren alerted the judge Butina may have been in contact with a journalist while in jail in violation of the judge’s gag order in the case, according to court papers from making public statements. The journalist is identified in court documents.

The flap prompted the judge to hold a telephonic hearing with the lawyers Friday. But Chutkan said Thursday she didn’t know what Butina was writing about the call violated the gag order.

Karen Butina, the sister of the suspected Russian political beneficiary, said she was not aware of it. “I am looking into making things right,” she said to reporters. Butina is scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Chutkan set a status conference in court for Monday. The legal teams have not imme- diately set a sentencing date because of Butina’s psychiatric condition to cooperate with the government.

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