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Efforts To Pass SECURE Act Before August Recess Face Hurdles In Senate

The SECURE Act, legislation to improve our nation's retirement security, passed the House last month on a 417-3 vote, and many were hopeful that the strong bipartisan support would lead to swift passage in the Senate. However, there are a handful of bumps in the Senate that have made it more challenging to get through the Senate and to the president's desk by the August recess. If the SECURE Act does not pass Congress before August, then the most likely avenue for passage would be to attach the

bill to must-pass legislation, like a government funding bill, which has to get done this year.

AALU continues to work closely with our partners in support of the SECURE Act on educating Congress about the critical need to pass this important retirement legislation swiftly.

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First Democratic Debates: Aftermath by the Numbers

With the first debates of the 2020 Presidential race in the books, the Democratic candidates have had their first opportunity to challenge each other directly. Some of the candidates had standout moments, resulting in pundits and voters alike declaring numerous candidates the winner. While the first debates are not indicative of who will win the nomination, taking a look at the resulting data gives us a clearer picture of how each candidate's performance affected their standing in this crowded field.

[Find out who won the polls, news media, and social media!](#)

Ambassadors in Action: Jeff Peterson with Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA) & Gabe Schulman with Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)



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Quick Hits

ICYMI: EXCLUSIVE Tele-Town Hall for AALU Ambassadors:

On July 25th from 3:00-3:30 PM ET, EVP of Government Affairs, Chris Morton, and VP of Legislative Affairs, Armstrong Robinson, will share the latest from Capitol Hill and what you need to know to help you prepare for in-district meetings as legislators head home for the August recess – exclusively for AALU Ambassadors. Reach out to [Josh Caron](mailto:caron@aalu.org) (caron@aalu.org) to learn how to become an Ambassador.

PODCAST: Ambassador Insider Preview

Be on the lookout for our July podcast in the next edition of Decoding D.C., coming out on July 26th, where we sit down with Aaron Lorenzo, the author of POLITICO's Morning Tax newsletter, to talk about covering the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the state of the SECURE Act in the Senate, how the media has changed in the past few years, and what it's like to write one of the most-read tax newsletters in Washington. [Check out our other podcasts and subscribe here!](#)

Greg Murphy wins NC-03 Runoff

North Carolina State Rep. Greg Murphy won the Republican primary runoff for North Carolina's 3rd district, which was vacated by the February passing of long-time Representative Walter Jones. Defeating first-time candidate Joan Perry, Murphy is now favored to win the September 10 special election over Democratic challenger Allen Thomas.

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