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U.S. bill would force tech companies to disclose foreign software probes

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. tech companies would be forced to disclose if they allowed American adversaries, like Russia and China, to examine the inner workings of software sold to the U.S. military under proposed legislation, Senate staff told Reuters on Thursday.

The bill, approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday, comes after a year-long Reuters investigation found software makers allowed a Russian defense agency to hunt for vulnerabilities in software that was already deeply embedded in some of the most sensitive parts of the U.S. government, including the Pentagon, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and intelligence agencies. Security experts say allowing Russian authorities to conduct the reviews of internal software instructions — known as source code — could help Russia find vulnerabilities and more easily attack key systems that protect the United States.

The new source code disclosure rules were included in Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act, the Pentagon's spending bill, according to staffers of Democratic Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

Details of bill, which passed the committee 25-2, are not yet public. And the legislation still needs to be voted on by the full Senate and reconciled with a House version of the legislation before it can be signed into law by President Donald Trump.



FILE PHOTO: US Senator Shaheen (D-NH) walks with her aid on Capitol Hill in Washington

If passed into law, the legislation would require companies that do business with the U.S. military to disclose any source code review of the software done by adversaries, staffers for Shaheen told Reuters. If the Pentagon deems a source code

review a risk, military officials and the software company would need to agree on how to contain the threat. It could, for example, involve limiting the software's use to non-classified settings.

The details of the foreign source code reviews, and any steps

the company agreed to take to reduce the risks, would be stored in a database accessible to military officials, Shaheen's staffers said. For most products, the military notification will only apply to countries determined to be cybersecurity threats, such as Russia and China.

Movie producer Weinstein to surrender on sex assault charges

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Film producer Harvey Weinstein was expected to surrender to New York police on Friday, months after he was toppled from Hollywood's most powerful ranks by scores of women accusing him of sexual assault, a person familiar with the case said.

Weinstein's spokesman Juda Engelmayer and Weinstein's lawyer Benjamin Brafman both declined to comment. The charging of Weinstein, which was first reported by the New York Daily News, follows a months-long investigation, including by the Manhattan district attorney's office.

A person familiar with the case confirmed the report to Reuters on condition of anonymity. The New York Times and other news outlets also reported Weinstein was expected to surrender.

Hollywood women applaud impending Harvey Weinstein charges

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More than 70 women have accused the co-founder of the Miramax studio and The Weinstein Co of sexual misconduct spanning decades, including rape. The allegations, first reported by the New York Times and the New Yorker last year, gave rise to the #MeToo

movement in which hundreds of women have publicly accused powerful men in business, government and entertainment.

Weinstein has denied having non-consensual sex with anyone.

Weinstein will be charged over an allegation by at least one accuser, Lucia Evans, a former aspiring actress who told the New Yorker that Weinstein forced her to give him oral sex in 2004, the Times and Daily News reported. The exact nature of the charges being brought by Manhattan prosecutors was unclear on Thursday afternoon.

The New York Police Department and the district attorney's office declined to comment on the case.

Entertainment industry heavyweights have distanced themselves from Weinstein, once one of Hollywood's most powerful men, since the accusations became public. The board of the Weinstein Co fired him and the company itself filed for bankruptcy in March. In 2017, he was expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which presents the Oscars.

A former fixture in the most elite entertainment circles of Manhattan and Los Angeles, Weinstein has since been seen spending time in Scottsdale, Arizona, where the New York Times said he had been seeking treatment for sex addiction.

London's Metropolitan Police have said they are also investigating an allegation of sexual assault against Weinstein, while prosecutors in Los Angeles said in February



they were reviewing three accusations of sexual assault against him. International Film Festival in Abu Dhabi, October 15, 2007. REUTERS/Steve Crisp/File Photo

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Drugs, real and fake cash seized in Fort Bend County raid

By Dana Burke

Authorities seized drugs, more than \$6,000 in cash and counterfeit bills during an early morning raid on a home in Weston Lakes, the Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Constable's Office said.

Two suspects, Alec McCann, 23 and Kiera Harrison, 22, face multiple charges after they were arrested on May 22 at about 6:15 a.m. in the 4100 block of Weston Drive, according to a press release.

The evidentiary raid netted "numerous narcotics," including 1.3 pounds of marijuana, 2.1 pounds of THC and 16 ounces of promethazine, a sedative and antihistamine, the constable's office said.

Chief Deputy Robert Van Pelt did not provide details on the events that led up to the raid, which was conducted in partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety SRT Team, Fulshear Police Department and Brazoria County Narcotics Task Force.



Alec McCann and Kiera Harrison were arrested March 22 after authorities served a narcotics search warrant in the 4100 block of Weston Drive in Weston Lakes, a town in Fort Bend County.



Customers, employees rush out of burning Popeyes in east Houston

An attic fire at a Popeyes in east Houston forced customers and employees to rush out of the restaurant Thursday.

Firefighters with the Houston Fire Department were called to the restaurant in the 7100 block of Lawndale Street around 4:15 p.m. When they arrived, smoke and fire were coming out of the roof of the building.

he Popeyes, said electrical workers were working in the attic shortly before the fire started.

"We smelled the smoke and then everybody told everybody to get out," Castillo said. "We all got out quickly. ... I'm glad everybody made it out OK."

No one was injured in the blaze. HFD's arson investigators are working to determine what sparked the fire.



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FILE PHOTO: Comey speaks about his book during an onstage interview at George Washington University in Washington



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Demonstrators block the Pan-American highway during a protest against President Daniel Ortega's government in Nagarote



A man stands next to a coffin of Manuel de Jesus Chevez Ramirez, who was shot in recent protests against Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's government in Leon



World Cup 2018 - Brazil national soccer team training

The Houston International Trade Development Council, Inc. (HITDC) will hold its 5th Annual Global Seven Awards Gala on Friday, May 25, 2018, 6pm-10pm at The Ballroom at Bayou Place, 500 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas. The purpose of the annual awards presentation is to recognize those organizations and individuals whose activities best portray HITDC's stated purpose, "Global Trade Reduces Global Poverty."

Because Houston proudly boasts is one of our nation's most culturally diverse cities, it offers exciting business success stories from our rich International community. For this reason, we seek to promote sustainable education and workforce development that each drive global wealth and job creation which, in turn, directly impacts our global economy. The 5th Annual Global 7 Awards Presentation Will Recognize Winners In The Following Categories:

- 1. Global Impact
- 2. Outstanding Corporate Citizen
- 3. Excellence in Exporting
- 4. Excellence in Importing
- 5. Outstanding Non-Profit
- 6. Outstanding Advocate
- 7. Outstanding Innovator
- 8. Excellence in International Business Service

We also will honor seven International Houston Community College Graduating Students who are already making our city a unique player on the world stage.



Houston International Trade Development Council

5th Annual Global 7 Awards Presentation 2018 Set For May 25th

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Honoree Selection Criteria

Eligibility

Houston area international business honorees must meet all 4 eligibility requirements below:

- 1) Business must be a U.S. corporation headquartered in the Houston area
- 2) Must be established for at least 3 years
- 3) Must generate at least \$1 Million in annual revenues
- 4) Must demonstrate positive community involvement

Community college graduating International students must also meet the following eligibility criteria to qualify for their scholarship award:

- 1) Must plan to use the funds for higher education
 - 2) Must demonstrate academic excellence through school grades
 - 3) Must be a foreign citizen from 1 of 7 pre-selected regions
- The program for the The 5th Annual Global 7 Awards Presentation Will Include:
- A Pre-Dinner Champagne Reception
 - Red Carpet with Multiple Media

Coverage

- Three Open Balconies
- Silent Auction/Live Auction
- Global 7 Awards Presentation
- Dinner Reception with Music and Entertainment

Proceeds from the event will support HITDC's future global trade mission outreach initiatives as well as educational scholarship programs which align with our event theme: Global Trade Reduces Global Poverty. A variety of sponsorship possibilities have been created for your support.

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We commend SEWA International for their work on family services; child, tribal and refugee welfare; women empowerment; health; and education. We especially recognize SEWA for their great effort on disaster relief and rehabilitation as reflected in their sustained involvement with Rosharon Little Cambodian community after the Harvey Hurricane.

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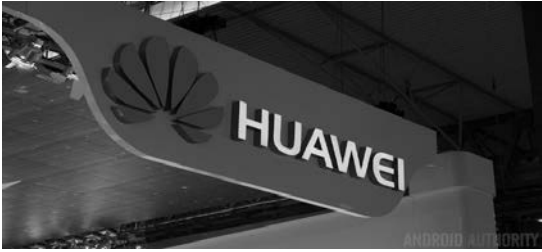




Telecom carriers dominate distribution of mobile phones in the United States and Huawei is struggling to make inroads into the market. Photo: AFP

The collapse of a deal in which Huawei Technologies was to distribute its smart-phones through US carrier AT&T will threaten Sino-US trade ties – and Beijing should consider “countermeasures” if the situation escalates, experts and a former Chinese commerce official said.

Shenzhen-based Huawei was due to announce its partnership with AT&T in Las Vegas on Tuesday, but the deal was cancelled at the last minute – a major setback for the Chinese company’s global expansion.



Huawei’s U.S. market dreams dashed.

It was called off because of “political pressure”, US-based online tech news site The Information reported, citing sources. AT&T was pressured to cancel the deal after members of the US Senate and House Intelligence committees sent a letter on December 20 to the Federal Communications Commission, citing concerns about Huawei’s plans to launch consumer products through a major US telecoms carrier, the report said.

The abrupt cancellation of the deal is the latest sign of tensions between China and the US over trade and investment, with Washington calling for trade actions against China and tightening screening of Chinese companies, especially in the hi-tech sector.

Huawei is the second Chinese company facing a serious setback in the United States in a week, after the US Committee

Official Says Beijing Should Consider ‘Countermeasures’ If Situation Escalates

Collapse Of Huawei Deal With AT&T ‘Will Threaten China-US Trade Ties’

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on Foreign Investment rejected Chinese firm Ant Financial’s takeover bid for US-based money transfer firm MoneyGram, citing national security concerns. Ant Financial is an affiliate of Alibaba, which



Visitors use their mobile phone at a Huawei stand. Photo: AFP

owns the South China Morning Post.

He Weiwen, a former business counsellor at the Chinese consulate in New York, said the failure of the Huawei deal reflected heightened worries in the United States about Chinese investment.

“Investment cooperation between China and the US will be squeezed,” He said. “The US is very worried about the impact in the US from the growth of China’s hi-tech industry. It is worried that Chinese companies will transfer US technology through mergers and acquisitions.

Huawei’s US market dreams ‘harmed again’ after AT&T walks away from smartphone pact

“China should contemplate countermeasures [if Washington takes punitive action against China],” he said, adding that Chinese companies should also change their investment strategies.

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A crew hangs a Huawei advertising banner on the side of the Las Vegas Convention Center as workers prepare for the 2018 CES in Las Vegas. Photo: Reuters

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Huawei’s US distribution plans are thwarted again as AT&T reportedly backs out of a deal.

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“America’s concerns as to the security of Huawei’s products, whether valid or not, have not gone away and are likely intensifying in the current political climate,” he said.

“That said, given the restrictions that US firms face when doing business in China and the potential impact of China’s cybersecurity law on foreign firms in China,

there’s little hope of any improvement in the situation.

“I expect things to get significantly worse as the US and China markets – not just the tech markets – become more polarised.”

The AT&T decision is another blow for Huawei’s business strategy in the US after the House Intelligence Committee released a report in 2012 urging US telecoms companies not to do business with Huawei and another Shenzhen-based firm, ZTE, citing potential Chinese state influence on these companies that could threaten US security.

A year later, the US Congress pushed for a cyberespionage review to restrict government purchases of information technology equipment from Chinese vendors.

Economic relations between China and the US have become tense in recent months, with Washington demanding Beijing take action to balance bilateral trade and launching an investigation into alleged intellectual property theft by Chinese companies.

State-run Xinhua news agency in a commentary last week criticised Washington’s “zero-sum mentality” with regards to Sino-US trade and threatened to retaliate.

Lu Xiang, a US affairs expert at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said the Huawei decision showed the US was increasing scrutiny of Chinese investments, even though the two nations had agreed on

Economic relations between China and the US have become tense in recent months Photo: AP

business deals worth more than US\$250 billion during Trump’s trip to Beijing in November.

“Both sides need to discuss the technical details of these deals, and neither of them want the deals to become scrap paper,” he said. “The US will gain nothing if relations with China turn bad.” (Courtesy <http://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy-defence>)



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