HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to recede from the Senate amendment to H.R. 1, Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and concur with a further amendment.

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2246–2254, and S. Con. Res. 31.

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 31, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Bob Dole.

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1519, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

Conference Reports:

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 321), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill.

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 322), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the conference report to accompany the bill. Subsequently, the points of order that subsection 11000(a) was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; that subparagraph (B) of section 11032, starting on page 75, line 17 and all through page 76, line 9, was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and that the phrase “tuition-paying” as it appears on page 309, line 12, and page 309, lines 14 through 15, was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, were sustained, and the material will be stricken from the conference report.

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 323), Senate agreed to the motion to recede from the Senate amendment to H.R. 1 and concur therein with a further amendment.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 320), Jennifer Gillian Newstead, of New York, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

Andrea L. Thompson, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Susan A. Thornton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Frank T. Brogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Messages from the House:

Measures Referred:

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4680–4689, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H10245–46

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4478, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to improve foreign intelligence collection and the safeguards, accountability, and oversight of acquisitions of foreign intelligence, to extend title VII of such Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–475, Part 1).

Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yea to 180 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 696.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, December 18th.

Women in Aerospace Education Act: H.R. 4254, amended, to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yea to 17 nays, Roll No. 690; and

Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act: H.R. 4323, amended, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 420 yea with one voting “nay”, Roll No. 693.

Clerk to Correct Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that, in the engrossment of H.R. 4375, the Clerk be directed to make the change placed at the desk.
Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for a report on broadening participation in certain National Science Foundation research and education programs, to collect data on Federal research grants to science agencies, and for other purposes.”.

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 692.

Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference, by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 691.

H. Res. 667, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) and the bill (H.R. 3312) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 689, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 688.

Motion to Fix Next Convening Time: Agreed by unanimous consent to the Graves (MO) motion that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 20 for Morning Hour debate.

Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 3312, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to specify when bank holding companies may be subject to certain enhanced supervision, by a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 694.

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–49, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 115–474, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act: S. 1536, to designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities, by a 3/5 yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with one voting “nay”, Roll No. 695.

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Jobs for Our Heroes Act: S. 1393, to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver’s licenses; and

No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act: S. 1532, to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10199, H10200, H10200–01, H10213–14, H10214, H10215, H10229, H10230, H10230–31. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE
Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on regulations implementing H. Res. 630, requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress. The regulations implementing H. Res. 630 were adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
BLUE CAMPAIGN AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017
Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on Senate Amendment to H.R. 1370, the “Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE
Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4242, the “VA Care in the Community Act”. H.R. 4242 was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.
COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine freight movement, 10:30 a.m., SD–406.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4478, the “FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 4 p.m., H–313 Capitol.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
11 a.m., Wednesday, December 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Wednesday, December 20

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1370—Further Continuing Resolution (Subject to a Rule).

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