

Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, and Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who were all introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senator Lee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 32) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress; and

H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 7, 20, 423–461; 1 private bill, H.R. 462; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 23–25; H. Con. Res. 8; and H. Res. 39–41, 43 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 42, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (H. Rept. 114–4).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Most Reverend Richard Pates Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 39, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act:** The House passed H.R. 161, to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects, by a yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 41.

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Rejected the Pallone motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with

instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 40.

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H. Res. 38, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 161) and (H.R. 36), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 39, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 38.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 40, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 22.

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**Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics, pursuant to section 4(d) of H. Res. 5, 114th Congress, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015: Nominated by the Speaker with the concurrence of the Minority Leader: Mr. Porter J. Goss of Florida, Chairman; Mr. James M. Eagen III of Colorado; Ms. Allison R. Hayward of Virginia; and Ms. Judy Biggert of Illinois, Alternate. Nominated by the Minority Leader with the concurrence of the Speaker: Mr. David Skaggs of Colorado, Co-Chairman; Brigadier General (retired) Belinda Pinckney of Virginia; Ms. Karan English of Arizona; and Mr. Mike Barnes of Maryland, Alternate.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2015 "referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–5).

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**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H452, H452–53, H459 and H459–60. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee rules and oversight plan were adopted.

### PROTECTING THE INTERNET AND CONSUMERS THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Internet and Consumers Through Congressional Action". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE SGR: THE TIME IS NOW

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health began a hearing entitled "A Permanent Solution to the SGR: The Time Is Now". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its oversight plan.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, oversight plan, and list of Committee professional staff.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, oversight plan, and staff hiring resolution.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 399, the "Secure Our Borders First Act of 2015". H.R. 399 was ordered reported, as amended.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a markup on H.R. 181, the "Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015"; H.R. 350, to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes; H.R. 159, the "Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2015"; and H.R. 285, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts. The committee adopted its rules and subcommittee assignments. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 159; H.R. 181; H.R. 285; H.R. 350.

### NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION AND ABORTION INSURANCE FULL DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2015

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7, the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015". The committee granted, by record vote of 7–1, a closed rule for H.R. 7. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of New Jersey.

### UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Unmanned Aerial Systems Research and Development". Testimony was heard from Ed Waggoner, Director, Integrated Systems Research Program, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; James Williams, Manager, UAS Integration Office, Aviation Safety Organization, Federal Aviation Administration; and public witnesses.