

**FEDERAL REGULATORY PROCESS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine practical solutions to improve the Federal regulatory process, after receiving testimony from Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Greenstone, University of Chicago Energy Policy Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Dale A. Drozd, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, and Ann Donnelly, both to be a United States District Judge

for the Eastern District of New York, John W. Huber, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years, Eileen Maura Decker, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years, and Eric Steven Miller, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SUBSIDY RULE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine the process that led to the Affordable Care Act subsidy rule, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, Michael F. Cannon, Cato Institute, Elizabeth B. Wydra, Constitutional Accountability Center, and Robert N. Weiner, Arnold and Porter LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Andy S. Grewal, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 40 public bills, H.R. 45 092684; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. U; and H. Res. 8 09302 were introduced.

**Pages H3912–16**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H3916–17**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the “J. Waties Waring Judicial Center” (H. Rept. 114–137); and

H.R. 2394, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–138). **Page H3912**

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016:** The House continued consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2016. Consideration is expected to resume Tuesday, June 9. **Pages H3882–H3903**

Agreed to:

Norton amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the 5th or 14th Amendment to the Constitution or title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; **Pages H3883–84**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Federal Transit Administration’s Rapid Growth Area Transit Program; **Page H3888**

Gallego amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to redesign the Phoenix Metroplex regional airspace; **Page H3891**

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out section 210 of this Act with respect to the Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, CA; **Page H3893**

Walberg amendment that was debated on June 3rd that strikes section 102 from the bill which allows the Secretary or his designee to engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider

proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 299); and  
**Pages H3897–98**

Stivers amendment that was debated on June 3rd that prohibits the use of funds for the Private Enforcement Initiative of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program under section 561(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 307).  
**Pages H3902–03**

Rejected:

Norton amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to permit air transportation service between midnight and 6 a.m. at Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA);  
**Pages H3885–86**

McClintock amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to zero out the funding for Payments to Air Carriers and apply the savings of \$155,000,000 to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 298);  
**Page H3897**

Cartwright amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to strike section 134 of the bill, which prohibits the use of funds to develop, issue, or implement any regulation that increases levels of minimum financial responsibility for transporting passengers or property as in effect on January 1, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 301);  
**Pages H3898–99**

Garrett amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Railroad Administration by \$16,930,000 (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 302);  
**Page H3899**

Brooks (AL) amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to strike the paragraph providing funding for Operating Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 303);  
**Pages H3899–H3900**

Brooks (AL) amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to strike the paragraph providing funding for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 304);  
**Pages H3900–01**

Capps amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to increase funding in the Pipeline Safety Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund by \$27,604,000 (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 305);  
**Page H3901**

Lee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to administer, implement, or enforce section 193 or section 414 of this Act (by a recorded vote

of 176 ayes to 247 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 306); and  
**Pages H3888–91, H3901–02**

Esty amendment that was debated on June 3rd that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Railroad Administration, by \$3,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 308. Agreed by unanimous consent that the earlier roll call vote taken on the Esty amendment be vacated).  
**Pages H3898, H3901, H3903**

Withdrawn:

Polis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have evaluated ridership on transit by ridership demand; and  
**Pages H3887–88**

Blumenauer amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the amount for necessary expenses for the “Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses” by \$1.  
**Pages H3895–96**

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2015) that seeks to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1 percent;  
**Pages H3882–83**

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing”, published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Federal Register on July 19, 2013;  
**Pages H3884–85**

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls for High-Hazard Flammable Trains”;  
**Pages H3886–87**

Posey amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to take any actions with respect to the financing of passenger rail projects along Florida’s East Coast;  
**Page H3891**

Sessions amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to support Amtrak’s route with the highest loss, measured by contributions/(Loss) per Rider;  
**Pages H3892–93**

Sessions amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to support any Amtrak route whose costs exceed 2 times its revenues;  
**Pages H3893–94**

Schiff amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enforce section 47524 of title 49, with regard to noise or access restriction of the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, CA;  
**Pages H3894–95**

Posey amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to authorize exempt facility bonds to finance passenger rail projects that cannot attain the speed of 150 mph; and  
**Page H3895**

Posey amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to make a loan in an amount that exceeds \$600,000,000 under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act. **Page H3896**

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to on June 2nd.

**Passing of Joseph Robinette “Beau” Biden, III:** The House agreed to H. Res. 299, on the passing of Joseph Robinette “Beau” Biden, III. **Page H3904**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 8 and that the order of the House of January 6, 2015 regarding Morning Hour debate does not apply on that day. **Page H3904**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3896.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3897, H3897–98, H3898–99, H3899, H3900, H3900–01, H3901, H3902, H3902–03 and H3903. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 2017, the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft on Accountability and Department of Energy Perspectives on Title IV: Energy Efficiency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EPA REGULATORY OVERREACH: IMPACTS ON AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “EPA Regulatory

Overreach: Impacts on American Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SIZING UP SMALL BUSINESS: SBA’S FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTION

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Sizing Up Small Business: SBA’s Failure to Implement Congressional Direction”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2596, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016” and considered Member access requests. This markup was closed. The Intelligence Authorization Act was ordered reported, as amended. Member access was granted to the House for the classified schedules of authorizations and the classified annexes accompanying H.R. 2596.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D634)

H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes. Signed on June 2, 2015. (Public Law 114–23)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.