

President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014, other than Armed Forces required to protect United States diplomatic facilities and personnel, from Iraq and Syria, by a yea-and-nay vote of 139 yeas to 288 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 370. **Pages H4455–71**

H. Con. Res. 55 was considered pursuant to the order of the House of June 16, 2015.

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

***VBID for Better Care Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2570, amended, to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures; **Pages H4479–81**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4481**

***Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2507, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rule-making schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage; **Pages H4481–83**

***Medicare Advantage Coverage Transparency Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2505, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans; and **Pages H4483–85**

***Securing Seniors’ Health Care Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2582, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, and to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings. **Pages H4485–87**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage con-

tracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, to make improvements to the Medicare Adjustment risk adjustment system, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4487**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 18. **Page H4489**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4470, H4471, and H4471–72. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

***Committee on Agriculture:*** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2620, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act. H.R. 2647 and H.R. 2620 were both ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

***Committee on Appropriations:*** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2016. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

***Committee on Appropriations:*** Full Committee held a markup on the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

### U.S. POLICY AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy and Strategy in the Middle East”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **CAPACITY OF U.S. NAVY TO PROJECT POWER WITH LARGE SURFACE COMBATANTS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Capacity of U.S. Navy to Project Power with Large Surface Combatants”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Victorino G. “Vic” Mercado, USN, Director, Assessment Division (N81); and Rear Admiral Peter Fanta, USN, Director, Surface Warfare (N96).

### **WHY CONGRESS MUST BALANCE THE BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Why Congress Must Balance the Budget”. Testimony was heard from Ryan Silvey, Senator, Missouri State Senate; and public witnesses.

### **RESTRICTING ACCESS TO FINANCIAL ADVICE: EVALUATING THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND RETIREES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Restricting Access to Financial Advice: Evaluating the Costs and Consequences for Working Families and Retirees”. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy And Commerce:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 805, the “Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015”. H.R. 805 was ordered reported, as amended.

### **THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

### **THE IMPACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND: ECONOMIC STABILITY OR MORAL HAZARD?**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the International Monetary Fund: Economic Stability or Moral Hazard?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ASSAD’S ABHORRENT CHEMICAL WEAPONS ATTACKS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assad’s Abhorrent Chemical Weapons Attacks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **CHINA’S RISE: THE STRATEGIC IMPACT OF ITS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY GROWTH**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “China’s Rise: The Strategic Impact of its Economic and Military Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **THE IRAN, NORTH KOREA, AND SYRIA NONPROLIFERATION ACT: STATE DEPARTMENT’S NON-COMPLIANCE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Iran, North Korea, and Syria Non-proliferation Act: State Department’s Non-Compliance”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Human Rights Abuses by Vietnamese Authorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **THE STATE OF THE SMITHSONIAN**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of the Smithsonian”. Testimony was heard from Albert G. Horvath, Acting Secretary of the Smithsonian.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2315, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1643, the “Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2584, the “Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2315 and H.R. 2584. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1643.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1157, the “Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2015”; H.R. 2386, the “Unrecognized Southeast

Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act”; and H.R. 2538, the “Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Mona Miyasato, Executive Officer, County of Santa Barbara, on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors; Steve Lavagnino, County Supervisor, Fifth District, Santa Barbara County; and public witnesses.

#### **DRONES: THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMERCE?**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Drones: The Next Generation of Commerce?”. Testimony was heard from Michael Whitaker, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; John Cavolowsky, Director of the Airspace Systems Program Office, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **A REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Executive Actions on Immigration”. Testimony was heard from Sarah R. Saldaña, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; León Rodríguez, Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services; and John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENDING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2146, the “Defending Public Safety Employees’ Retirement Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the motion is not subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT: ENERGY INNOVATION HUBS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Department of Energy Oversight: Energy Innovation Hubs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CRUDE INTENTIONS: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE BAN, THE OIL INDUSTRY, AND AMERICA’S SMALL BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Crude Intentions: The Untold Story of the Ban, the Oil Industry, and America’s Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LONG-TERM FINANCING OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Long-Term Financing of the Highway Trust Fund”. Testimony was heard from Chad Shirley, Deputy Assistant Director, Microeconomic Studies Team, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **FEDERAL CREDIT PROGRAMS**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic exposure of Federal credit programs, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Jason Delisle, New America Federal Education Budget Project, Douglas J. Elliott, Brookings Institution, and Paul Van de Water, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D704)*

S. 1568, to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the replacement of such medical center. Signed on June 15, 2015. (Public Law 114–25)

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016”, and an original bill entitled “Interior,