

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3635–3650; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 67–68; H. Con. Res. 79; and H. Res. 447, were introduced. **Pages H6704–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6706–07**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–270). **Page H6704**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6309**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6313**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Kevin Myers, 12 Stone Church, Lawrenceville, GA. **Page H6313**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 3495 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H6335**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:21 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. **Page H6335**

Women’s Public Health and Safety Act: The House passed H.R. 3495, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions, by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 524. **Pages H6324–37**

Rejected the Sinema 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 184 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 523. **Pages H6334–36**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–269 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6324**

H. Res. 444, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3495) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 522, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 521. **Pages H6316–24**

Senate Messages: Message from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H6316, H6335.

Senate Referral: S. 599 was held at the desk. **Page H6316**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6323, H6323–24, H6335–36, and H6336. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RESEARCH INNOVATIONS ACHIEVED BY OUR NATION’S AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research held a hearing to highlight research innovations achieved by our nation’s agricultural colleges and universities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CYBER STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Outside Perspectives on the Department of Defense Cyber Strategy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USAF BOMBER FORCE STRUCTURE—CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AND FUTURE VISION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “USAF Bomber Force Structure—current requirements and future vision”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch (USAF), Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, U.S. Air Force; General Robin Rand (USAF), Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command; and Randall G. Walden, Director, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 3459, the “Protecting

Local Business Opportunity Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AN OVERDUE CHECKUP: EXAMINING THE ACA’S STATE INSURANCE MARKETPLACES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “An Overdue Checkup: Examining the ACA’s State Insurance Marketplaces”. Testimony was heard from Patrick Allen, Director, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services; Louis Gutierrez, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Connector; Jeff Kissel, Chief Executive Officer, Hawai‘i Health Connector; Peter V. Lee, Executive Director, Covered California; Allison O’Toole, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange; and James Wadleigh, Chief Executive Officer, Access Health CT.

THE DISRUPTER SERIES: HOW THE SHARING ECONOMY CREATES JOBS, BENEFITS CONSUMERS, AND RAISES POLICY QUESTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Disrupter Series: How the Sharing Economy Creates Jobs, Benefits Consumers, and Raises Policy Questions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 8, the “North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015”; H.R. 3242, the “Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015”; and Proposed Matters for Inclusion in Reconciliation Recommendations.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC REGULATORY STANDARDS ON THE U.S. INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Domestic Regulatory Standards on the U.S. Insurance Market”. Testimony was heard from Michael McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury; Tom Sullivan, Senior Advisor, Department of Banking Supervision and

Regulation, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; S. Roy Woodall, Jr., Independent Member, Financial Stability Oversight Council, Department of the Treasury; and a public witness.

U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS IN SYRIA: A WINNING STRATEGY?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “U.S. Counterterrorism Efforts in Syria: A Winning Strategy?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.R. _____, the “Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTHY COMPETITION? AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSED HEALTH INSURANCE MERGERS AND THE CONSEQUENT IMPACT ON COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Healthy Competition? An Examination of the Proposed Health Insurance Mergers and the Consequent Impact on Competition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF PENDING MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “The Potential Implications of Pending Marine National Monument Designations”. Testimony was heard from Holly Bamford, Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL APPROACHES TO FOREST MANAGEMENT: LESSONS FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT OF OUR FEDERAL FORESTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “State, Local, and Tribal Approaches to Forest Management: Lessons for Better Management of our Federal Forests”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Crafford, Associate Director of State-Federal Relations, Office of Governor Bill Walker, State of Alaska; Dan Gibbs, County Commissioner, Summit County, Colorado; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 286, the “Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2015”; and H.R. 872, the “Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD’S TAXPAYER FUNDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Planned Parenthood’s Taxpayer Funding”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF IRANIAN TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 3457, the “Justice for Victims of Iranian Terrorism Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Poe of Texas and Engel.

ASTROBIOLOGY AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE BEYOND EARTH IN THE NEXT DECADE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Astrobiology and the Search for Life Beyond Earth in the Next Decade”. Testimony was heard from Ellen Stofan, Chief Scientist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

THE BLACKLIST: ARE SMALL BUSINESSES GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce; and Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Blacklist: Are Small Businesses Guilty Until Proven Innocent?”. Testimony was heard from Anne Rung, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Lafe Solomon, Senior Labor Compliance Advisor, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on legislative proposals in response to the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of S. Con. Res. 11. The Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Repeal of Certain Excise Taxes Enacted in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was favorably transmitted to the House Committee on the Budget, as amended. The

Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Repeal of Independent Payment Advisory Board was favorably transmitted to the House Committee on the Budget, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Army Corps of Engineers’ participation in the development of the new regulatory definition of “Waters of the United States”, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine the economic crisis in Ukraine, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome, S. 1893, to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders, S. 481, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Education and student achievement, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, to hold hearings to examine end of the year spending, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian R. Martinotti, and Julien Xavier Neals, both to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, and Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.