

providers disenrolled for reasons related to fraud, integrity and quality; clarifies that the fee-for-service provider directory is to include physicians and, at state option, other providers; and provides other information that could be included in the directory.

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H. Res. 632, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3716) was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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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, March 3.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–112).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–113).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1104. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: EXAMINING STATE OPTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Examining State Options”. Testimony was heard from Stephanie Muth, Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Office of Social Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Af-

fairs; David J. Shulkin, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration; Danny G.I. Pummill, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Ronald E. Walters, Interim Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; Edward Joseph Murray, Interim Assistant Secretary for Management, Interim Chief Information Officer, Office of Management; and LaVerne H. Council, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Chief Information Officer, Office of Information and Technology.

APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, U.S. Air Force; and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, APPLIED ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on Department of Energy, Applied Energy. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and Energy; John Kotek, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy; Christopher Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy; and Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on Department of Energy, Science. Testimony was heard from Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and

Energy, Department of Energy; and Cherry Murray, Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Will Plaster, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; and Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Peter Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from David S. Mao, Acting Librarian; Robert R. Newlen, Chief of Staff; and Maria A. Pallante, Register and Director.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, USMC, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; and Major General James Marrs, USAF, Director for Intelligence, J-2, Joint Staff.

GROUND FORCE MODERNIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Ground Force Modernization Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Michael E. Williamson, USA, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Lieutenant General John M. Murray, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8; Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Devel-

opment Command; Brigadier General Joe Shrader, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Bill Taylor, Program Executive Officer Land Systems, U.S. Marine Corps.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for Department of Defense Nuclear Forces”. Testimony was heard from Robert Scher, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Department of Defense; Arthur Hopkins, performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; General Robin Rand, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command; and Vice Admiral Terry Benedict, USN, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Programs.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 DOE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2017 DOE Budget”. Testimony was heard from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

EXAMINING THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE ZIKA VIRUS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to the Zika Virus”. Testimony was heard from Luciana Borio, Assistant Commissioner for Counterterrorism Policy, Food and Drug Administration; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Thomas R. Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; and Timothy M. Persons, Chief Scientist, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

BIOETHICS AND FETAL TISSUE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Bioethics and Fetal Tissue”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2121, the “SAFE Transitional Licensing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2896, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act

of 2015”; H.R. 2901, the “Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act”; H.R. 3798, the “Due Process Restoration Act of 2015”; H.R. 4096, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 4139, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2015”; H.R. 4166, the “Expanding Proven Financing for American Employers Act”; H.R. 4498, the “Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act”; H.R. 4620, the “Preserving Access to CRE Capital Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4638, the “Main Street Growth Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2901, H.R. 2121, H.R. 4166, and H.R. 4638. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4096, H.R. 2896, H.R. 4139, H.R. 4498, H.R. 4620, and H.R. 3798.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of Congress that those who commit or support atrocities against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities, including Yezidis, Turkmen, Sabea-Mandean, Kaka'e, and Kurds, and who target them specifically for ethnic or religious reasons, are committing, and are hereby declared to be committing, “war crimes”, “crimes against humanity”, and “genocide”; and H. Con. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the Congress condemning the gross violations of international law amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Government of Syria, its allies, and other parties to the conflict in Syria, and asking the President to direct his Ambassador at the United Nations to promote the establishment of a war crimes tribunal where these crimes could be addressed. H. Con. Res. 75 was ordered reported, as amended. H. Con. Res. 121 was ordered reported, without amendment.

THE GROWING THREAT OF CHOLERA AND OTHER DISEASES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Growing Threat of Cholera and Other Diseases in the Middle East”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S FY2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “The Transportation Security Administration's FY2017 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Peter V. Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

THE IMPACT OF THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2017 BUDGET ON THE ENERGY AND MINERAL LEASING AND PRODUCTION MISSIONS OF THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the President's FY 2017 Budget on the Energy and Mineral Leasing and Production Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Abigail Hopper, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

GEOLOCATION TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVACY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Geolocation Technology and Privacy”. Testimony was heard from Richard Downing, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FIREARMS LOST: GSA'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE SURPLUS FIREARM DONATION PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Firearms Lost: GSA's Administration of the Surplus Firearm Donation Program”. Testimony was heard from Carol Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration; William Sisk, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of General Supplies and Services, General Services Administration; and a public witness.

BLOCKING REGULATORY INTERFERENCE FROM CLOSING KILNS ACT OF 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4557, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 5–3, a closed rule for H.R. 4557. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 4, 2016, through March 11, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally in section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield and Rush.

SMART HEALTH: EMPOWERING THE FUTURE OF MOBILE APPS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Smart Health: Empowering the Future of Mobile Apps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCIALIZING ON INNOVATION: REAUTHORIZING THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Commercializing on Innovation: Reauthorizing the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”. Testimony was heard from John Williams, Director, Innovation and Technology, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; Barry Johnson, Division Director, Industrial Innovation and Partnerships, National Science Foundation; Matthew Portnoy, Overall HHS SBIR/STTR, Program Manager/NIH Program Manager, National Institutes of Health; and Robert Smith, Director, SBIR/STTR Programs, Office of Naval Research.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions; H.R. 4487, the “Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016”; H.R. 4465, the “Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016”; H.R. 3937, to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the “Judge Randy D. Doub Courthouse”; H.R. 4618, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the “Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; H. Con. Res. 119, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the

Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 117, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H. Con. Res. 120, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 3rd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony; H.R. 223, the “Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015”; H.R. 1684, the “Foreign Spill Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3030, the “Baudette Coast Guard Housing Conveyance Act”. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4465, H.R. 4618, H. Con. Res. 119, H. Con. Res. 117, and H. Con. Res. 120. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4487, H.R. 3937, H.R. 223, H.R. 1684, and H.R. 3030. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions were approved.

PROTECTING THE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Free Exchange of Ideas on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Economic Report of the President, after receiving testimony from Jason Furman, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from John A. Biedrzycki, Jr., Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Robinson Township, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-138.