

Rejected:

Fitzpatrick amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to procure the birth control known as Essure. **Pages H2849–41**

Point of Order sustained against:

Boustany amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay any bonus or monetary award under chapter 45 of 53 of title 5, United States Code, to an employee of the Chief Business Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is responsible for processing emergency medical care claims until the percentage of emergency medical care claims processed within 30 days reached 90 percent; and **Pages H2841–42**

Gohmert amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to establish, maintain, employ, or enter into any contract or agreement with any organization, including a political party, that endorsed, embraced, or encouraged any form of slavery, nor to display the name of such organization nor to have its name displayed in any facility in which or for funds made available in this act are used. **Page H2842**

Proceedings Postponed:

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Army; **Pages H2834–35**

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps; **Pages H2835–36**

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Air Force; **Page H2836**

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Defense-Wide; **Pages H2836–37**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2016) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce any Veterans Health Administration Directive relating to the prohibition on VA providers from completing forms seeking recommendations on opinions regarding a Veteran's participation in a state marijuana program; **Pages H2837–38**

Fleming amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to modify a military installation in the United States, including construction or modification of a facility on a military installation, to produce housing for unaccompanied alien children; and **Pages H2838–39**

Huffman amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement section 8(d)(2) of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration Directive 3220 of November 22, 2005. **Pages H2839–40**

H. Res. 736, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4974) and (H.R. 5243) was agreed

to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 202, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 201. **Pages H2728–30**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–137). **Page H2787**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2730.

Senate Referrals: S. 2840 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 1335 was held at the desk. **Page H2842**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2728, H2728–29, H2729–30, H2730–31, H2731, H2731–32, H2803–04, H2804, H2805, H2805–06, H2806, H2807, H2807–08, H2808, H2809, H2811–12, H2812–13. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:56 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

Committee Meetings

SERVICE IN THE FIELD: VETERAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Service in the Field: Veteran Contributions to National Food Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.J. Res. 87, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor relating to “Interpretation of the ‘Advice’ Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act”; and H.R. 5003, the “Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016”. H.J. Res. 87 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5003 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4775, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4979, the “Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016”. H.R. 4775 and H.R. 4979 were ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE CFPB’S PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON ARBITRATION: IS IT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining the CFPB’s Proposed Rulemaking on Arbitration: Is It in the Public Interest and for the Protection of Consumers?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 374, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Singaporean independence and reaffirming Singapore’s close partnership with the United States; H. Res. 650, providing for the safety and security of the Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq and awaiting resettlement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and permitting use of their own assets to assist in their resettlement; H. Con. Res. 129, expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs; S. 284, the “Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act”; and S. 1252, the “Global Food Security Act of 2016”. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H. Res. 374, H. Res. 650, H. Con. Res. 129, and S. 284. S. 1252 was ordered reported, without amendment.

DEMOCRACY SUPPORT STRATEGIES IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Democracy Support Strategies in Africa”. Testimony was heard from D. Bruce Wharton, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Thomas Staal, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Steven Feldstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4289, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; and S. 246, the “Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act”. Testimony was heard from Senator Heitkamp; Gary Hartz, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Lillian Sparks-Robinson, Commissioner, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT AT EPA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Employee Misconduct at EPA”. Testimony was heard from Stanley Meiburg, Acting Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REFORM ACT SCORECARD 2.0

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 2.0”. Testimony was heard from Steven I. Cooper, Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce; Dawn

Leaf, Chief Information Officer, Department of Labor; Michael M. Johnson, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; Renee P. Wynn, Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and David A. Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

NEXT STEPS TO MARS: DEEP SPACE HABITATS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Next Steps to Mars: Deep Space Habitats”. Testimony was heard from Jason Crusan, Director, Advanced Exploration Systems, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

BORDER STATION CONSTRUCTION: MINIMIZING COSTS AND LEVERAGING PRIVATE DOLLARS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Border Station Construction: Minimizing Costs and Leveraging Private Dollars”. Testimony was heard from Michael Gelber, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Eugene Schied, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Administration, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5178, the “Veterans Success on Campus Act of 2016”; H.R. 5229, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, especially in regards to women veterans and minority veterans, in transitioning to civilian life, and for other purposes; H.R. 4138, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup relocation expenses paid to or on behalf of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3286, the “HIRE Vets Act”; H.R. 3471, the “Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2015”; H.R. 3974, the “Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 3989, the “Support Our Military Caregivers Act”; H.R. 2460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; H.R. 3956, the “VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act”; H.R. 4782, the “Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016”; H.R. 4087, the “Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act”; and H.R. 3715, the “Final Farewell Act

of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5178, H.R. 5229, H.R. 3286, H.R. 3471, H.R. 3974, H.R. 3956, H.R. 4782, H.R. 4087, H.R. 3715, and H.R. 3989. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4138 and H.R. 2460.

PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY FROM WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting Social Security from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O'Carroll, Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

THE HEROIN EPIDEMIC AND PARENTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE: USING EVIDENCE AND DATA TO PROTECT KIDS FROM HARM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “The Heroin Epidemic and Parental Substance Abuse: Using Evidence and Data to Protect Kids from Harm”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass and Marino; and Tina Willauer, Director, Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams, Department for Community Based Services, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D480)

S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity. Signed on May 16, 2016. (Public Law 114–154)

S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020. Signed on May 16, 2016. (Public Law 114–155)

S. 2755, to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty. Signed on May 16, 2016. (Public Law 114–156)