

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 6174–6194; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 163–164; and H. Res. 896 were introduced. **Pages H5999–H6000**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6001–02**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Recommending that the House of Representatives find Bryan Pagliano in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (H. Rept. 114–792);

H.R. 3608, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt amounts paid for aircraft management services from the excise taxes imposed on transportation by air, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–793); and

H. Res. 897, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5303) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6094) to provide for a 6-month delay in the effective date of a rule of the Department of Labor relating to income thresholds for determining overtime pay for executive, administrative, professional, outside sales, and computer employees; and providing for proceedings during the period from September 29, 2016, through November 11, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–794). **Page H5999**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Byrne to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5915**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5921**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Greg Young, Brown Deer United Church of Christ, Brown Deer, WI. **Page H5921**

Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 253, as amended by Representative Walden, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens. **Pages H5938–45**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, to consolidate certain reporting obligations

of the Commission, and to update certain other provisions of such Act, and for other purposes." **Page H5945**

Advancing Hope Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1878, to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program. **Pages H5945–46**

Federal Aviation Administration Veteran Transition Improvement Act of 2016: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2683, to include disabled veteran leave in the personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page H5946**

Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1004, to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day. **Pages H5946–47**

Expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 851, as amended by Representative Ros-Lehtinen, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes. **Pages H5947–49**

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

Treatment of Certain Payments in Eugenics Compensation Act: S. 1698, to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits; **Pages H5949–50**

Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act: H.R. 5065, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to notify air carriers and security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration of such Administration's guidelines regarding permitting baby formula, breast milk, and juice on airplanes; and **Pages H5950–52**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to notify air carriers and security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration of such Administration's guidelines regarding permitting baby formula, breast milk, purified deionized water, and juice on airplanes, and for other purposes." **Page H5952**

Gains in Global Nuclear Detection Architecture Act: H.R. 5391, amended, to amend the Homeland

Security Act of 2002 to enhance certain duties of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. **Pages H5952–54**

Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 954, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the individual mandate certain individuals who had coverage under a terminated qualified health plan funded through the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program, by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 563.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5954**

H. Res. 893, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 954) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 560, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 559.

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Water Resources Development Act of 2016: The House began consideration of H.R. 5303, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 28th.

Pages H5924–32, H5936–38, H5961

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–65 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. **Page H5925**

Agreed to:

Shuster amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that makes technical and clarifying revisions to H.R. 5303; includes additional Chief's Reports and Post Authorization Change Reports submitted by the Army Corps of Engineers since May 25, 2016; **Pages H5982–84**

Babin amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that defines parameters and sets guidelines for the scope of "work" under Sections 408 review processes; **Page H5985**

Babin amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that allows for channels which have been "assumed for maintenance" to be considered the same as "authorized" projects; **Pages H5985–87**

Black amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that directs the Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide guidance on the types of circumstances under which the state-of-the-art provision of the Dam Safety Assurance authority might apply to dam safety repair projects; for corps of engineers district offices to effectively communicate with sponsors to establish and implement cost sharing

agreements during dam safety repair projects; and for the corps of engineers to communicate the estimated and final cost sharing amounts, executing agreements, with all cost sharing sponsors; **Pages H5987–88**

Blum amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that expedites the Cedar River project for flood risk management authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2014; **Pages H5988–89**

Bost amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that authorizes the Corps to consider other potential benefits that may accrue due to rehabilitation of a non-federal levee; **Page H5989**

Dold amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that allows projects funded under section 506(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to include compatible recreation features, not to exceed 10 percent of the ecosystem restoration costs of the project; **Page H5989**

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that provides criteria for application decisions pursuant to Section 408; **Pages H5990–91**

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that expedites certain flood mitigation priority areas; **Page H5991**

Long amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that lifts the Army Corps of Engineer's moratorium on the issuance of dock permits for Table Rock Lake and delays the final rule for revising the Shoreline Management Plan; extends the public comment period and requires a study on the permit fee structure for Table Rock Lake;

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Mica amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that allows the Secretary to adjust the Benefit Cost Ratio after any portion of the authorized project is completed by the Army Corps using non-federal funds; **Page H5992**

Mullin amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that transfers to the Department of the Interior land to be held in trust for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, after the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has paid to the Army Corps of Engineers fair market value of the land transferred;

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Thornberry amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that prohibits the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from removing privately owned cabins on privately owned land at Lake Kemp for an additional 5 years; **Page H5993**

Weber (TX) amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that requires the Army Corps of Engineers to take into account existing studies and data developed by the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District when conducting the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Study;

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Young (IA) amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that establishes policy for Corps levees that affect community-owned levees; **Page H5994**

Esty amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that directs the Secretary to submit a report within one year of enactment on implementation of corrosion prevention activities under section 1033 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014; **Pages H5994–95**

Esty amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that amends section 4009(a) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 to direct the Secretary to conduct a comprehensive assessment and management plan to restore aquatic ecosystems within the coastal waters of the Northeastern United States from the State of Virginia to the State of Maine, including associated bays, estuaries, and critical riverine areas; **Pages H5995–96**

Frankel (FL) amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that provides local communities the option to seek foreign sand sources for shore protection projects; **Page H5996**

Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that allows the Secretary to give priority to flood control projects where (1) such project is already authorized and an executed partnership agreement exists; and (2) the project is in an area where loss of life has occurred due to a flooding event; and **Pages H5996–97**

Herrera Beutler amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that expands availability of funds for Watercraft Inspection Stations in northwest states; clarifies that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can fund existing watercraft inspection stations. **Page H5997**

Withdrawn:

Lawrence amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have included gross negligence as an additional reason for obtaining funding following an emergency at a water resources development project. **Pages H5984–85**

Proceedings Postponed:

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–790) that seeks to allow the non-federal interest to execute a project or project component when they determine that it can be done at lower cost and/or faster time; directs 20% of money saved back to treasury, and the rest to other corps projects. **Pages H5989–90**

H. Res. 892, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5303) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 562, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 561. **Pages H5936–38**

Social Security Advisory Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of six years, effective October 9, 2016: Ms. Kim Hildred, Alexandria, VA. **Page H5997**

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years: Mr. Gregg Harper, Pearl, MS. **Page H5997**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 11:40 p.m. **Page H5997**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5924.

Senate Referral: S. 1886 was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H5998**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5935–36, H5936, H5936–37, H5937–38, H5960–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE: 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES, 20TH CENTURY ORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “National Security Space: 21st Century Challenges, 20th Century Organization”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIORESEARCH LABS AND INACTIVATION OF DANGEROUS PATHOGENS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Bioresearch Labs and Inactivation of Dangerous Pathogens”. Testimony was heard from Mark Davidson, Associate Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Department of Agriculture; Major General Barbara R. Holcomb, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, Maryland, Deputy for Medical Systems to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and Chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, Department of the Army; Steve Monroe, Associate Director for Laboratory Science and Safety, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Timothy M. Persons, Chief Scientist, Government Accountability Office; Jeff Potts, BioRisk Manager, National Institutes of Health; and Daniel Sosin, Deputy Director and Chief Medical Officer, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.