

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4313–4320; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 575–578 were introduced. **Page H14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H14–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 579, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016 (H. Rept. 114–387); and

H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 712) to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1155) to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–388). **Page H12**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3**

Clerk Designation: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H3**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H3**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (397 present, Roll No. 1). **Pages H3–4**

Committee to Notify the President of the Assembly of the House: The House agreed to H. Res. 576, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee on the part of the House to notify the President that a quorum of the House has assembled, and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives McCarthy and Pelosi to the committee. **Page H4**

Notifying the Senate That a Quorum of the House Has Assembled: The House agreed to H. Res. 577, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business. **Page H4**

Meeting Hour: The House agreed to H. Res. 578, providing for the hour of meeting of the House. **Page H4**

Morning Hour Debate: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 6, 2015, providing for Morning Hour Debate, be extended for the remainder of the 114th Congress, except that H. Res. 578 shall supplant H. Res. 9. **Page H4**

Senate Referral: S. 1893 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H12**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 1) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H3–4.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUNSHINE FOR REGULATORY DECREES AND SETTLEMENTS ACT OF 2015; SCRUB ACT OF 2015; AND SENATE AMENDMENT TO RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 712, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015”; H.R. 1155, the “SCRUB Act of 2015”; and Senate amendment to H.R. 3762, the “Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule that provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3762. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Budget or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3762. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. 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 the Budget or their respective designees. In section 2, the rule extends the staff deposition authority provided in H. Res. 5 to the Committees on Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Science, Space, and Technology; and Ways and Means through the end of the 114th Congress. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule for H.R. 712. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–37 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amend-

ments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 1155. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. 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 makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Price of Georgia, Chairman Chaffetz, and Representatives Yarmuth, Marino, Johnson of Georgia, and Connolly.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Army Fee Assistance Program: Part II”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on H.R. 1610, the “Biennial Budgeting and Enhanced Oversight Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1927, the “Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Attention Needed: Mismanagement at the SBA—The GAO Findings”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.