

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2543–S2592

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1139–1178, S. Res. 156–165, and S. Con. Res. 14. **Pages S2567–68**

Measures Reported:

S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. **Page S2566**

Measures Passed:

Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act: Senate passed S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received. **Pages S2587–89**

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 136, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2015, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2589**

Cultural and Historic Significance of the Cinco de Mayo Holiday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, recognizing the cultural and historic significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday. **Page S2589**

National 9-1-1 Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 159, designating April 2015, as "National 9-1-1 Education Month". **Page S2589**

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their

dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week.

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Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, designating April 2015 as "Financial Literacy Month". **Page S2589**

Alcohol Responsibility Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, supporting the goals and ideals of Alcohol Responsibility Month. **Page S2589**

Earthquake in Nepal: Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, expressing the sense of the Senate on the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the April 25, 2015, earthquake in Nepal. **Page S2589**

Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, designating April 30, 2015, as Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans. **Page S2589**

World Malaria Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 165, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day. **Page S2589**

Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S2545–49**

Pending:

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2545**

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1179 (to Amendment No. 1140), to require submission of all Persian text included in the agreement. **Page S2545**

Blunt Amendment No. 1155 (to Amendment No. 1140), to extend the requirement for annual Department of Defense reports on the military power of Iran. **Page S2545**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1179), to require an assessment of inadequacies in the international monitoring and

verification system as they relate to a nuclear agreement with Iran. **Page S2545**

Cotton Amendment No. 1197 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1140), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2549**

Cotton (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1198 (to Amendment No. 1197), to require a certification that Iran’s leaders have publically accepted Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish state. **Page S2549**

Veto Messages:

National Labor Relations Board Veto Message—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures. **Pages S2549–59**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the veto message to accompany the joint resolution. **Page S2590**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to the United States Congress supporting the underlying objectives of the recommendations from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (the “Commission”); which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–15) **Pages S2564–65**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 22 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 20 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
 Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2589–90, S2592**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia Nelson Limerick, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Julie Helene Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Steven M. Wellner, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of

the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Robert A. Salerno, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Todd Sunhwae Kim, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S2590–92**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2590.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Douglas Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Gary Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Jon Lorsch, Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and Tom Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Peter Levine, of Maryland, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, and 361 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Commander, U.S. European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Department of Defense.

INSURANCE CAPITAL RULES AND FSOC PROCESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine insurance capital rules and Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) process, including S. 798, to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Falzon, Prudential Financial, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers and the American Insurance Association; Kurt Bock, COUNTRY Financial, Bloomington, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; and Daniel Schwarcz, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 703, to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 858, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities, S. 523, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools, S. 600, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency retrofit pilot program, S. 723, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, S. 869, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 878, to establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan

pilot program, S. 886, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program, S. 888, to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, S. 893, to establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030, S. 939, to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs within the Department of Energy, S. 1029, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed, S. 1038, to clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program, S. 1039, to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans to achieve energy cost savings, S. 1044, to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage, S. 1046, to accelerate the adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies, S. 1047, to require the Secretary of Energy to review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for the potential to cause an adverse effect on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards, S. 1048, to remove the authority of the Secretary of Energy to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans, S. 1052, to require a study on the impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings, to provide for competitive awards to utilities, States, and units of local government, S. 1053, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to promote alternative fueled vehicle fleets and infrastructure, and S. 1063, to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Gene Therriault, Alaska Energy Authority, Anchorage, on behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials; Tony Crasi, The Crasi Company, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; and Ted Gayer, Brookings Institution, and Steven

Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, both of Washington, D.C.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's final rule on hydraulic fracturing, after receiving testimony from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mark Watson, Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper; Bruce Baizel, Earthworks, Durango, Colorado; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 72 public bills, H.R. 2123–2194; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 236–242 were introduced. **Pages H2766–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2772–73**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014 (H. Rept. 114–99); **Page H2766**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carter (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2659**

Discharge Petition: Representative Heck (WA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Financial Services from the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1031, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 1).

Recess: The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2668**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Michael Siegel, Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, Illinois. **Page H2668**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 175 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 182. **Pages H2684–85**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congress-

sional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol. **Page H2685**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House continued consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 1. **Pages H2685–94, H2710–27, H2742–64**

Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Departmental Administration account; **Pages H2692–94**

Fortenberry amendment that increases, by offset, funding for Defense Nuclear Non-Proliferation by \$13,802,000; **Pages H2712–14**

Langevin amendment that increases the funding for the Naval Reactor account by \$2,426,000 and reduces funding for the Federal Salaries and Expenses by \$2,500,000; **Pages H2715–19**

McKinley amendment that prohibits the use of the funds to transform the National Energy Technology Laboratory into a government-owned, contractor-operated laboratory, or to consolidate or close the National Energy Technology Laboratory;

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Babin amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds under the heading “Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation” from being made available to enter into new contracts with, or new agreements for Federal assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran except for contracts or agreements that require the Islamic Republic of Iran to cease the pursuit, acquisition, and development of nuclear weapons technology; **Pages H2719–20**

Engel amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency’s fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum; **Pages H2722–23**

Dent amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Department of Energy to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Standard Ceiling Fans and Ceiling Fan Light Kits”; **Pages H2726–27**

Napolitano amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of section 2101 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 2238b) or section 210 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986; **Page H2727**

Stivers amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Cape Wind Energy Project on the Outer Continental Shelf off Massachusetts, Nantucket Sound; **Page H2727**

Burgess amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the standards established by tables contained in section 325(i)(1)(B) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to BPAR incandescent reflector lamps, BR incandescent reflector lamps, and ER incandescent reflector lamps (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes and 189 noes, Roll No. 207); **Pages H2724–26, H2750–51**

Barton amendment that increases, by offset, funding for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works by \$30,000,000; **Pages H2751–52**

Abraham amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement Executive Order 13690 and Federal Flood Risk Management Standard; **Pages H2752–53**

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.); **Pages H2753–54**

DelBene amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the purchase of welded shipboard anchor and mooring chain 4 inches in diameter and under unless the anchor and mooring chain are procured from a manufacturer that is part of the national technology and industrial base; **Pages H2755–56**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the removal of any Federally owned or operated dam; **Page H2756**

Grayson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into contracts with individuals convicted of fraud; **Pages H2756–57**

Blackburn amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to finalize, promulgate, or enforce the DOE’s proposed rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces”; and **Page H2759**

Luetkemeyer amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds for the Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Program (MRERP). **Page H2761**

Rejected:

Heck (NV) amendment that sought to increase funding for Nuclear Energy by \$75,000,000 and to zero out funding for Nuclear Waste Disposal; **Page H2686**

Titus amendment that sought to reduce funding for Nuclear Waste Disposal by \$150,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H2689–91**

Garamendi amendment that sought to reduce funds for Defense Nuclear Non-Proliferation by \$125,000,000 and increase funds for Environmental and other Defense activities, Defense Environmental clean up by the same amount; **Pages H2714–15**

McClintock amendment that sought to reduce funding for sundry accounts and to apply the aggregate savings of \$128,920,000 to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 195); **Page H2743**

Ruiz amendment that sought to increase funding for Water and Related Resources by \$5,000,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$2,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 196); **Pages H2743–44**

Griffith amendment that sought to increase funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$5,000,000 and to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by a similar amount (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 197); **Page H2744**

Swalwell (CA) amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$25,500,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy by \$34,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 198); **Pages H2744–45**

Byrne amendment that sought to zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and to apply the savings of \$1,657,774,000 to the spending

reduction account (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 199); **Pages H2745–46**

McClintock amendment that sought to zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, reduce Nuclear Energy by \$691,886,000, and zero out funding for Fossil Energy and to apply the aggregate savings of \$2,954,660,000 to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 200); **Page H2746**

Ellison amendment that sought to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$45,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 201); **Pages H2686–88, H2746–47**

Swalwell (CA) amendment that sought to increase funding for Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy (ARPA-E) by \$20,000,000 and reduce funding for Departmental Administration by a similar amount (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 202); **Pages H2691–92, H2747–48**

Quigley amendment that sought to apply \$167,050,000 to the savings reduction account for the new nuclear arm cruise missile (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 203);

Pages H2711, H2748

Garamendi amendment that sought to reduce the Atomic Energy Defense Activities National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities Account by \$25,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 204);

Pages H2711–12, H2748–49

Hudson amendment that sought to reduce funds in the bill by 11.1208 percent except for National Nuclear Security Administration, Environmental and Defense Activities, and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 205); **Pages H2721–22, H2749–50**

Sanford amendment that sought to zero out the funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program and to prohibit the use of funds to provide a loan under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 206); and

Pages H2723–24, H2750

Castro amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds in excess of \$276,117,000 for additional funding for ongoing work on Flood and Storm Damage Reduction projects. **Pages H2757–59**

Withdrawn:

Flores amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Science by \$2,500,000 and reduced funding for Salaries and Expenses of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by \$25,000,000; and **Page H2688**

Foster amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Science Activities by \$239,749,000 and reduced funding for National Nuclear Security Weapons Activities by a similar amount. **Pages H2688–89**

Point of Order sustained against:

Babin amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2015) that sought to prohibit the use of funds under the heading “Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation” from being used to enter into new contracts with, or new agreements for Federal assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran except for contracts or agreements that include authority for the International Atomic Energy Agency to conduct anytime, anywhere inspections of civil and military sites within the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

Pages H2720–21

Cleaver amendment that sought to provide that total project costs in section 902 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 shall not apply with respect to any project that receives funds made available by title I of this Act. **Page H2724**

Proceedings Postponed:

Rothfus (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that seeks to prohibit use of funds to apply the report entitled “Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States” in any public interest determination under the Natural Gas Act;

Pages H2754–55

Gosar (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for the Department of Energy’s Climate Model Development and Validation program;

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Blackburn (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that seeks to reduce funding in the bill by 1 percent across-the-board;

Pages H2759–61

McClintock that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for the purchase of water to supplement or enhance instream water flow requirements in California;

Pages H2761–62

LaMalfa that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the requirement in the Code of Federal Regulations, that activities identified in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act must be established or ongoing in order to receive an exemption under the Act; and

Pages H2762–63

LaMalfa that seeks to prohibit use of funds to deliver water to the Trinity River above the minimum requirements of the Trinity Record of Decision or to supplement flows in the Klamath River.

Pages H2763–64

H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2028) and (H.R. 2029) was agreed to yesterday, April 29th.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 5:40 p.m. **Page H2702**

Congressional Budget Resolution FY 2016: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 183. **Pages H2761–84, H2694–H2702**

H. Res. 231, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1732), the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11), and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 43) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 181, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H2683–84**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 231 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 240 yeas 174 nays, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2672–74**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House passed H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, by a ye-and-nay vote of 255 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 193. Consideration began yesterday, April 29th. **Pages H2702–10**

Rejected the Kirkpatrick motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 236 noes, Roll No. 192. **Pages H2708–10**

Rejected:

Van Hollen amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike the pending paragraph pertaining to the Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 229 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 184); **Page H2703**

Mulvaney amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike the pending paragraph pertaining to the Military Construction, Air Force (by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 229 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 185); **Pages H2703–04**

Mulvaney amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike the pending paragraph pertaining to the Military Construction, Defense-

Wide (by a recorded vote of 190 yeas to 231 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 186); **Pages H2704–05**

Nadler amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike section 512 from the bill pertaining to the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 187); **Page H2705**

Blumenauer amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce Veterans Health Administration directive 2011–004 with respect to the prohibition on “VA providers for completing forms seeking recommendations or opinions regarding a Veteran’s participation in a State marijuana program” (by a recorded vote of 210 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 188); **Pages H2705–06**

Pocan amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term “Fair Labor Standards Act” (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 189); **Pages H2706–07**

Hice (GA) amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay a Federal Employee for any period of time during which such employee is using official time under U.S. Code (by a recorded vote of 190 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 190); and **Page H2707**

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2015) that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing wage requirements under what is commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 191). **Pages H2707–08**

H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2028) and (H.R. 2029) was agreed to yesterday, April 29th.

Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014: The House passed H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014, by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 194. **Pages H2727–42**

H. Res. 231, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1732), the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11), and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 43) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No.

181, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H2683–84**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 231 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 240 yeas 174 nays, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2672–74**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–30). **Page H2765**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and 23 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2673–74, H2683–84, H2684, H2702, H2703, H2703–04, H2704–05, H2705, H2705–06, H2706–07, H2707, H2707–08, H2709–10, H2710, H2742, H2743, H2743–44, H2744, H2744–45, H2745–46, H2746, H2747, H2747–48, H2748, H2748–49, H2749–50, H2750 and H2750–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:48 a.m. on Friday, May 1st.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2088, the “United States Grains Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2051, the “Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2015”. H.R. 2051 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2088 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was ordered reported, as amended.

IMPROVING COLLEGE ACCESS AND COMPLETION FOR LOW-INCOME AND FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce

Training held a hearing entitled “Improving College Access and Completion for Low-Income and First-Generation Students”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON 21ST CENTURY CURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on 21st Century Cures”. Testimony was heard from Kathy Hudson, Deputy Director for Science, Outreach, and Policy, National Institutes of Health; Janet Woodcock, Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and Jeff Shuren, Director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DISCUSSION DRAFT AND TITLE IV ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Strategic Petroleum Reserve Discussion Draft and Title IV Energy Efficiency”. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

FCC REAUTHORIZATION: IMPROVING COMMISSION TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “FCC Reauthorization: Improving Commission Transparency”. Testimony was heard from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Mike O’Rielly, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

REGIONAL IMPACT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARDS IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Regional Impact of U.S. Policy Towards Iraq and Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BANGLADESH’S FRACTURE: POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Bangladesh’s Fracture: Political and Religious Extremism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MIGRATION CRISIS: OVERSIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED \$1 BILLION REQUEST FOR CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "Migration Crisis: Oversight of the Administration's Proposed \$1 Billion Request for Central America". Testimony was heard from Scott Hamilton, Central America Director, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Paloma Adams-Allen, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Latin America and the Caribbean Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary and Chief Diplomatic Officer, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and Lieutenant General Kenneth E. Tovo, USA, Military Deputy Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Department of Defense.

ALLEGATIONS OF SPECIAL ACCESS AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Allegations of Special Access and Political Influence at the Department of Homeland Security". Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

A REVIEW OF ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES AT OUR NATION'S AIRPORTS, PART II

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "A Review of Access Control Measures at Our Nation's Airports, Part II". Testimony was heard from Melvin Carraway, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2048, the "USA FREEDOM Act of 2015". H.R. 2048 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 774, the "Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015"; H.R. 1214, the "National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015"; H.R. 1335, the "Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act"; and H.R. 1991, the "Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act Extension Act of 2015". The fol-

lowing bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 774, H.R. 1214, and H.R. 1335. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1991.

EPA MISMANAGEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "EPA Mismanagement". Testimony was heard from the following Environmental Protection Agency officials: Arthur Elkins, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General; Stanley Meiburg, Acting Deputy Administrator; and John Reeder, Deputy Chief of Staff.

EXAMINING THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK'S MANDATES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and the Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade of the Committee on Financial Services, held a joint hearing entitled "Examining the Export-Import Bank's Mandates". Testimony was heard from Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2039, the "National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act for 2016 and 2017". H.R. 2039 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1987, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015"; H.R. 1642, to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the "Randy D. Doub United States Courthouse"; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 1987 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1642 and the General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were ordered reported, without amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING; EXAMINING ACCESS AND QUALITY OF CARE AND SERVICES FOR WOMEN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a motion to issue a subpoena to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to

produce complete MSPB and EEO files from the Regional Office in Philadelphia to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and a hearing entitled "Examining Access and Quality of Care and Services for Women Veterans". A motion that the Committee authorize the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for the Department of Veterans Affairs to produce complete copies of all Merit Systems Protection Board and Equal Employment Opportunity files of the Philadelphia Regional Benefit Office from December 31, 2008, to present was adopted. Testimony was heard from Patricia Hayes, Chief Consultant for Women's Health Services, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**NEXT STEPS FOR WELFARE REFORM:
IDEAS TO IMPROVE TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES TO
HELP MORE FAMILIES FIND WORK AND
ESCAPE POVERTY**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Next Steps for Welfare Reform: Ideas to Improve Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to Help More Families Find Work and Escape Poverty". Testimony was heard from Eloise Anderson, Co-Chair of the Secretaries' Innovation Group, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "What is the Federal Government Doing to Combat the Opioid Abuse Epidemic?", 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Microbeads in Cosmetic Products", 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority", 9:15 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on H.J. Res. 45, the "Victims' Rights Amendment", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Is the Railroad Retirement Board Doing Enough to Protect Against Fraud?", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Innovations in Battery Storage for Renewable Energy", 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 8, National Labor Relations Board, with a vote on or in relation to the veto message to accompany the joint resolution expected at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, May 1

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2028—Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2016. Consideration of H.R. 1732—Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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