

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 147 public bills, 5525–5671; and 17 resolutions, H.J. Res. 126–127; H. Con. Res. 116–117; and H. Res. 734–746 were introduced. **Pages H7781–87**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7892–94**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 5077, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide guidance and clarification regarding issuing new and renewal permits, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–604).

A report was filed on July 29, 2014 as follows: H.R. 4709, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–605, Pt. 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7679**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Seretta McKnight, Union Baptist Church, Hempstead, New York. **Page H7679**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine. The House reconvened at 12:01 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H7680**

**Joint Meeting To Receive His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine:** The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy (CA), Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Jenkins, McKeon, Royce, Frelinghuysen, Granger, Rogers (MI), Gerlach, Turner, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Israel, Becerra, Slaughter, Quigley, Kaptur, Pascrell, Levin, Brown (FL), and DeLauro; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Murray, Stabenow, Menendez, Murphy, McConnell, Cornyn, Blunt, Barrasso, and Corker. **Pages H7680–83**

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication:** Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions to authorize 12 prospectuses, including two alteration projects, one construction project, and three leases, included in the General Services Administration's FY2014 and FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by

the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 17, 2014. **Pages H7691–H7772**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H7772**

**Jobs for America Act:** The House passed H.R. 4, to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, by a ye-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 513. **Pages H7684–91, H7772, H7854–58**

Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 512.

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H. Res. 727, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2) and (H.R. 4), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 511, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 510. **Pages H7684–91, H7772–73**

**American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act:** The House passed H.R. 2, to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; and to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs, by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 515. **Pages H7684–91, H7819–60**

Rejected the Schneider motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 514.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 2 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H7819**

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. **Page H7854**

**Providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S.J. Res. 40, to provide for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H7860**

**Condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 707, as amended by Representative Royce, to condemn all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks as an acceptable expression of disapproval or frustration over political events in the Middle East or elsewhere. **Pages H7860–62**

**Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 734, to express the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and to condemn the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. **Page H7862**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, September 19th. **Page H7862**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H7772, H7877.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2651 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Homeland Security; S. 2141 was held at the desk. **Page H7772**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Wilson (FL) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on Ways and Means, Small Business, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Budget from the consideration of H.R. 2821, a bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs (Discharge Petition No. 12).

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7772, H7773, H7857–58, H7858, H7859, H7859–60. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **BENEFITS OF PROMOTING SOIL HEALTH IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AMERICA**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing on the benefits of promoting soil health in agriculture and rural America. Testimony was heard from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Shanon Phillips, Director, Water Quality, Oklahoma Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

### **THE ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY FOR THE ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ AND THE LEVANT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Strategy for the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)". Testimony was heard from Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General William Mayville, USA, Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **SUICIDE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: HELPING LOVED ONES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Suicide Prevention and Treatment: Helping Loved Ones in Mental Health Crisis". Testimony was heard from former Member Lincoln Diaz-Balart; Rear Admiral Boris D. Lushniak, Acting Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### **THE ISIS THREAT: WEIGHING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The ISIS Threat: Weighing the Obama Administration's Response". Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State, Department of State.

### **THE STRUGGLES OF RECOVERING ASSETS FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a joint hearing entitled "The Struggles of Recovering Assets for Holocaust Survivors". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.