

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY AND THE MORTGAGE MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency, focusing on balancing stability, growth, and affordability in the mortgage market, including an update on Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal home loan banks, after receiving testimony from Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparedness and response to public health threats, focusing on how ready we are, after receiving testimony from Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Tom Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, and Kathryn Brinsfield, Chief Medical Officer, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Agency for International Development; and David Lakey, Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner, Austin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2917, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases;

H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; and

The nominations of P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel, and Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine protecting our children's mental health, focusing on preventing and addressing childhood trauma in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Yvette Roubideaux, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, and Kana Enomoto, Principal Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Rick VandenPol, University of Montana National Native Children's Trauma Center, Missoula; and Verne Boerner, Alaska Native Health Board, Anchorage.

VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' mental health and suicide, after receiving testimony from Harold Kudler, Chief Mental Health Consultant, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Colonel Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, USA (Ret.), District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health, and The National Academies Institute of Medicine Committee on the Assessment of Ongoing Efforts in the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Washington, DC.; Master Sergeant Vincent Vanata, USMC (Ret.), Wounded Warrior Project, Cody, Wyoming; Blayne Smith, Team RWB, Chicago, Illinois; Susan Selke, Katy, Texas; and Valerie Pallotta, Colchester, Vermont.

THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND PHONE SCAMS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the private industry's role in stemming the tide of phone scams, after receiving testimony from Steve Streit, Green Dot Corporation,

Pasadena, California; R.B. Rolling, International Communications International, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; William Tauscher, Blackhawk Network Holdings, Inc., Pleasanton, California; and Lisa LaBruno, Retail Industry Leaders Association, Arlington, Virginia.

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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5737–5745; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 759–760, were introduced. **Page H8132**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8133**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2689, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–627). **Page H8132**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Black to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8073**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8076**

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

John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R. 5448, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; **Pages H8080–81**

STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R. 5728, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations; **Page H8081–87**

Providing for the approval of the Amendment to an Agreement for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes: H.R. 5681, to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes; **Pages H8103–04**

Girls Count Act: H.R. 3398, amended, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes; **Pages H8104–06**

Condemning the Government of Iran for its gross human rights violations: H. Res. 754, to condemn the Government of Iran for its gross human rights violations; and **Pages H8106–10**

Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act: H.R. 3583, amended, to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program. **Pages H8110–13**

Secret Science Reform Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4012, to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible, by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 528. **Pages H8087–H8103**

Rejected the Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 527. **Pages H8100–02**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–57 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H8097**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–626) that mandates that the EPA make all scientific and technical information relied upon for rulemaking available online before proposing or finalizing new regulations. **Pages H8097–98**

Rejected:

Kennedy amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–626) that would have allowed the EPA to use all peer-reviewed scientific publications (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 526). **Pages H8098–H8100**

H. Res. 756, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1422), (H.R. 4012), and (H.R. 4795), was agreed to yesterday, November 18.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, November 20. **Page H8113**