

Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 364 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 649 (Subsequent to the announcement by the Chair that H.R. 4127 had passed by voice vote, Representative Nunes asked unanimous consent that the proceedings by which the motion to reconsider the bill was laid upon the table and by which the motion that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill was adopted be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo).

Pages H8663–76, H8679

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, November 30th.

Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2015: S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 648.

Pages H8678–79

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”: The House passed S.J. Res. 23, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, by a ye-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 651.

Pages H8658–63, H8676–78, H8822–29, H8837–38

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) and the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 23) and (S.J. Res. 24), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 647, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 646.

Pages H8676–77

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”: The House passed S.J. Res. 24, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission

Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 650. Pages H8658–63, H8676–78, H8829–37

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Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Brady (TX) motion to take from the Speaker’s table the bill (H.R. 644) to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, with the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, insist on the House amendment, and agree to a conference with the Senate thereon, by a recorded vote of 252 yeas to 170 noes, Roll No. 652.

Pages H8838–39

Debated the Kuster motion to instruct conferees. Further proceedings were postponed. Pages H8846–49

North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 8, to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America’s energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, December 2nd.

Pages H8658–63, H8676–78, H8839–46

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Pages H8676–77

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8676–77, H8677, H8678–79, H8837, H8837–38 and H8838–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. STRATEGY FOR SYRIA AND IRAQ AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Strategy for Syria and Iraq and its Implications for the Region”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary of Defense;

and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ACQUISITION EFFICIENCY AND THE FUTURE NAVY FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Acquisition Efficiency and the Future Navy Force”. Testimony was heard from Ronald O’Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service; and Eric J. Labs, Senior Analyst for Naval Forces and Weapons, Congressional Budget Office.

RUSSIAN ARMS CONTROL CHEATING: VIOLATION OF THE INF TREATY AND THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSES ONE YEAR LATER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces; and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, held a joint hearing entitled “Russian Arms Control Cheating: Violation of the INF Treaty and the Administration’s Responses One Year Later”. Testimony was heard from Rose E. Gottemoeller, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; and Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials: Norman C. Bay, Chairman; Cheryl A. LaFleur, Commissioner; Tony Clark, Commissioner; and Colette D. Honorable, Commissioner.

THE DISRUPTER SERIES: MOBILE PAYMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Disrupter Series: Mobile Payments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 699, the “Email Privacy Act”. Testimony was heard from Andrew J. Ceresney, Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; Richard W. Littlehale, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigation Division, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Examining Invasive Species Policy”. Testimony was heard from Jamie Reaser, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2015; CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 8, the “North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015” [amendment consideration]; and conference report to accompany S. 1177, the “Student Success Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for further consideration of H.R. 8. The rule provides no further general debate. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–36 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 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 the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1177. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule states that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline, and Representatives Schakowsky, Burgess, Polis, Barton, Jackson Lee, DeSantis, Swalwell of California, Palmer, Poliquin, Scott of Virginia, and Rokita.

PITFALLS OF UNILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AT THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Pitfalls of Unilateral Negotiations at the Paris Climate Change Conference”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OECD BEPS PROJECT FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND ITS EFFECT ON WORLDWIDE AMERICAN COMPANIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Tax Policy held a hearing on the OECD BEPS Project final recommendations and its effect on worldwide American companies. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Stack, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Tax Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RESCUING TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on best practices for rescuing trafficking victims from Yaroslava Garcia, Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition, Bonita Springs; Kimberly Chang, Asian Health Services Community Health Clinic, Oakland, California; and Jordan Greenbaum, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Stephanie Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children, Atlanta, Georgia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1207)

H.R. 3996, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. Signed on November 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–87)

H.R. 208, to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–88)

H.R. 639, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–89)

H.R. 2262, to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions.

Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–90)

S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–91)

S. 1356, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–92)

S. 2036, to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–93)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine agriculture’s role in combating global hunger, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense personnel reform and strengthening the all-volunteer force, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action oversight, focusing on the International Atomic Energy Agency’s report on the possible military dimensions of the Iranian nuclear program, 4 p.m., SH–219.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and S. 1879, to improve processes in the Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), focusing on whether the justice systems in Indian country have improved, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting trade secrets, focusing on the impact of trade secret theft on American competitiveness and potential solutions to remedy this harm, 10 a.m., SD–226.