

to 399 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 676. **Page H9041**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Speier motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 4 yeas to 394 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 677. **Page H9045**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Capps motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 7 yeas to 398 nays with 4 answering “present”, Roll No. 678. **Page H9047**

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

**Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act of 2015:** H.R. 3842, amended, to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to provide training to first responders, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 680; **Pages H9037–40, H9062**

**HSA Technical Corrections Act:** H.R. 3859, amended, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002; **Pages H9041–47**

**Visa Waiver Program Improvement Act of 2015:** H.R. 158, amended, to clarify the grounds for ineligibility for travel to the United States regarding terrorism risk, to expand the criteria by which a country may be removed from the Visa Waiver Program, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report on strengthening the Electronic System for Travel Authorization to better secure the international borders of the United States and prevent terrorists and instruments of terrorism from entering the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 679; **Pages H9047–62**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.”. **Pages H9061–62**

**Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015:** H.R. 3766, amended, to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs. **Pages H9063–67**

**Conference report filing:** Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight, December 8th, to file the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities. **Page H9062**

**Providing for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and**

**small rural hospitals through 2015:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1461, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015. **Pages H9062–63**

**Designating the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the “Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 2693, to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the “Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum”. **Page H9063**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9036–37, H9040, H9041, H9045, H9047, H9061, H9062. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PROMPT GLOBAL STRIKE: AMERICAN AND FOREIGN DEVELOPMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Prompt Global Strike: American and Foreign Developments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AN OVERDUE CHECKUP PART II: EXAMINING THE ACA’S STATE INSURANCE MARKETPLACES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “An Overdue Checkup Part II: Examining the ACA’s State Insurance Marketplaces”. Testimony was heard from Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission; Timothy G. Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; S. Roy Woodall, Jr., Independent Member with Insurance Expertise, Financial Stability Oversight Council; Debbie Matz, Chairwoman, National Credit Union Administration; Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

Richard Cordray, Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection; and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2187, the “Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act”; H.R. 2205, the “Data Security Act of 2015”; H.R. 2287, the “National Credit Union Administration Budget Transparency Act”; H.R. 3700, the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 3784, the “SEC Small Business Advocate Act of 2015”; H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; H.R. 4168, the “Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act”; and Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing Resolution of 2016.

#### CIVIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH PAKISTAN: PROSPECTS AND CONSEQUENCES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Civil Nuclear Cooperation with Pakistan: Prospects and Consequences”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### DRUG RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS: THE NEXT GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS?

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: The Next Global Health Crisis?”. Testimony was heard from Tom Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Ariel Pablos-Mendez, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

#### EXAMINING TSA’S GLOBAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND FROM AVIATION THREATS AND ENHANCE SECURITY AT LAST POINT OF DEPARTURE AIRPORTS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Examining TSA’s Global Efforts to Protect the Homeland from Aviation Threats and Enhance Security at Last Point of Departure Airports”. Testimony was heard from Joseph P. Terrell, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Global Strategies, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

#### ENSURING CERTAINTY FOR ROYALTY PAYMENTS ON FEDERAL RESOURCE PRODUCTION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Certainty for Royalty Payments on Federal Resource Production”. Testimony was heard from Gregory Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3764, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2015” (Part II). Testimony was heard from Sean D. Reyes, Attorney General, State of Utah; Nicholas H. Mullane II, Selectman, Town of North Stonington, Connecticut; and public witnesses.

#### REVIEW OF THE NEW LONDON EMBASSY PROJECT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of the New London Embassy Project”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of State officials: Lydia Muniz, Director, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations; Gregory B. Starr, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security; Steve A. Linick, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General.

#### EXAMINING THE STREAM PROTECTION RULE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the Interior; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Stream Protection Rule”. Testimony was heard from Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.

#### MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Program Consolidation”. Testimony was heard from Carlos Swonke, Director, Environmental Affairs, Texas Department of Transportation; Thomas G. Echikson, Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

## RED RIVER PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2130, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2130. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. 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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill 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 that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of December 13, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Representatives McClintock, Polis, and Cole.

## THE FUTURE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY: SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Biotechnology: Solutions for Energy, Agriculture and Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 3262, to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois; H.R. 3484, the “Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015”; H.R. 4056, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to convey to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs all right, title, and interest of the United States to the property known as “The Community Living Center” at the Lake Baldwin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Orlando, Florida; draft of a bill to amend the Veterans’ Benefits Programs Improvement Act of 1991 to authorize VA to sell Pershing Hall; and VA’s legislative proposal regarding fiscal year 2016 construction projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shimkus; Ted Lieu of California; Mica; McNerney; and Coffman; Stella S. Fiotes, Director of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and United States policy toward Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Vice Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, all of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SD–106.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine moving to a stronger economy with a regulatory budget, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 571, to amend the Pilot’s Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, H.R. 2843, to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration’s PreCheck expedited screening program, S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 1935, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake