

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4194–4207; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; and H. Res. 559 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9206–07

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 644, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory (H. Rept. 114–376).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Red River Private Property Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 2130, to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, by a yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 686.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 685.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–375) that ensures that nothing in the bill would create or reinstate a tribal reservation or any portion of a tribal reservation; ensures that nothing in the bill will alter the valid rights of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Nations to the mineral interest trust fund created pursuant to the Act of June 12, 1926; allows for the affected federally recognized Indian tribes to be a part of the survey process; and allows for further judicial review after the administrative appeals process for landowners; and

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Cole amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–375) that ensures the bill preserves past and current surface and mineral rights for affected Indian tribes (by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 684).

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H. Res. 556, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2130) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 683, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 682.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 556 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 681.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9092.

Senate Referral: S. 1719 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9094–95, H9103–04, H9104, H9181, H9184–85, H9185–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY IN FOCUS: STRESS IN COTTON COUNTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Commodity in Focus: Stress in Cotton Country”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF USDA’S USE OF CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE FARMERS’ PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing on oversight of USDA’s use of Census of Agriculture authority to acquire farmers’ personal financial information. Testimony was heard from Joseph T. Reilly, Administrator, National Agriculture Statistics Service, Department of Agriculture.

CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Concurrent Receipt of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GAME CHANGING INNOVATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF SURFACE WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Game Changing Innovations and the Future of Surface Warfare”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW THE ADMINISTRATION’S REGULATORY ONSLAUGHT IS AFFECTING WORKERS AND JOB CREATORS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “How the Administration’s Regulatory Onslaught is Affecting Workers and Job Creators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Health Care and Treatment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded 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. The Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing Resolution of 2016 passed. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3700, H.R. 2205, H.R. 2187, and H.R. 3784. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3791, H.R. 2287, and H.R. 4168.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1654, to authorize the direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 3654, the “Combat Terrorist Use of Social Media Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4154, the “Taiwan Naval Support Act”, H. Res. 346, condemning the use of toxic chemicals as weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic; and H. Res. 536, supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1654, H.R. 3654, H. Res. 346, and H. Res. 536. H.R. 4154 was ordered reported, without amendment.

YEAR IN REVIEW: U.S. POLICY TOWARD A CHANGING WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Year in Review: U.S. Policy Toward a Changing Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FULFILLING THE HUMANITARIAN IMPERATIVE: ASSISTING VICTIMS OF ISIS VIOLENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Fulfilling the Humanitarian Imperative: Assisting Victims of ISIS Violence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Committee on The Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services”. Testimony was heard from Leon Rodriguez, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR’S ROLE IN THE EPA’S ANIMAS SPILL

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior’s Role in the EPA’s Animas Spill”. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1838, the “Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act”; and H.R. 3668, the “California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr; and Cook; Kristin Bail, Assistant Director, National Landscape Conservation System and Community Partnerships, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; Robert Lovingood, Supervisor, District 1, San Bernardino County, California; and Jerry Muenzer, Supervisor, District 4, San Benito County, California.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on a committee report entitled “United States Secret Service: An Agency in Crisis”; H.R. 4180, to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies’ development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments; S. 1698, the “Treatment of Certain Payments in Eugenics Compensation Act”; H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”; and H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office. The following items were ordered reported, without amendment: committee report entitled “United States Secret Service: An Agency in Crisis”; H.R. 4180; H.R. 1132; H.R. 2458; H.R. 3735; H.R. 4046; and S. 1698.

A CASINO IN EVERY SMARTPHONE—LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Casino in Every Smartphone—Law Enforcement Implications”. Testimony was heard from Mark Lipparelli, State Senator, Senate of Nevada; Joseph S. Campbell, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Alan M. Wilson,

Attorney General, South Carolina; and Donald W. Kleine, Douglas County Attorney, Nebraska.

SUPPORTING SUCCESS: EMPOWERING SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATES

Committee On Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Supporting Success: Empowering Small Business Advocates”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FACT CHECK: AN END OF YEAR REVIEW OF ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fact Check: An End of Year Review of Accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joint Meetings**TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine increasing effectiveness of military operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine terrorism and global oil markets, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine independent South Sudan, focusing on a failure of leadership, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the importance of following through on GAO and OIG recommendations, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion