

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hirono, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**U.S. POLICY TOWARDS BURMA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy towards Burma, focusing on geopolitical, economic, and humanitarian considerations, after receiving testimony

from W. Patrick Murphy, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Mark C. Storella, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, both a Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State; and V. Kate Somvongsiri, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4099–4114; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 579 and 581–585 were introduced. **Page H8143**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8144–45**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3329, to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–366, Part 1);

H.R. 3342, to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–367, Part 1);

H.R. 2600, to provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–368); and

H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027 (H. Rept. 115–369). **Page H8143**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hollingsworth to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8079**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8084**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Temple Emanu-El, Closter, NJ. **Page H8084**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Duncan (SC) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H8086**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 579, electing a Member to certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H8086**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, October 23rd.

**International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology Act:** H.R. 2142, amended, to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 574. **Pages H8096–97**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 469, pursuant to House Resolution 577, the amendment placed at the desk be in order in lieu of the amendment printed in part A of House Report 115–363 and numbered 2. **Page H8097**

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

*Family Office Technical Correction Act of 2017:* H.R. 3972, amended, to clarify that family offices and family clients are accredited investors;

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*Impeding North Korea's Access to Finance Act of 2017:* H.R. 3898, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to place conditions on certain accounts at United States financial institutions with respect to North Korea, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 581; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To impose secondary sanctions with respect to North Korea, strengthen international efforts to improve sanctions enforcement, and for other purposes.”.

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*Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2017:* H.R. 3101, amended, to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States.

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*Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017:* The House passed H.R. 732, to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 580.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that prohibits Cy Pres distributions in cases where money is simply left over and the settlement contains no specific provision on its disposition and clarifies that payments made must not only be remedial but must actually go to the victims who suffered the injury.

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Rejected:

Cohen amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlement agreements based on race, religion, national origin, or any other protected category (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 575);

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Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt a settlement agreement that directs funds to remediate the indirect harms caused by the manipulation of ignition standards on automobiles (by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 235 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 576);

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlement agreements that pertain to providing restitution for a State (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 577);

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Cicilline amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlements in relation to the predatory or fraudulent conduct involving residential mortgage-backed securities (by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 231 noes, Roll No. 578); and

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Conyers amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlements that direct funds to remedy the indirect harms of unlawful conduct resulting in an increase in the amount of lead in public drinking water (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 579).

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H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 469) and (H.R. 732) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 573, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 572.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-a-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8095, H8095–96, H8096–97, H8125–26, H8126–27, H8127, H8127–28, H8128–29, H8129, and H8129–30. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THE ROLE OF FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN SUPPORTING NIH-FUNDED RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing entitled “The Role of Facilities and Administrative Costs in Supporting NIH-Funded Research”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXAMINING HHS'S PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE TO THE 2017 HURRICANE SEASON

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining HHS's Public Health Preparedness for and Response to the 2017 Hurricane Season”. Testimony was heard from Kimberly Brandt, Principal Deputy Administrator for Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Scott Gottlieb, M.D.,