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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4115–4137; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86–87; and H. Res. 586–588 were introduced. **Pages H8224–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8226–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2936, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–370, Part 1); and

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H.R. 2823, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–371, Part 1). **Page H8224**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Perry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8147**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8153**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata, St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, TX. **Page H8153**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 584. **Pages H8153, H8167–68**

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—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to 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, by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 583, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 582. **Pages H8157–67**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 26, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor. **Page H8168**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 26. **Page H8168**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m. **Page H8171**

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

Sanctioning Hizballah's Illicit Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act: H.R. 3342, amended, 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; **Pages H8178–83**

Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017: H.R. 3329, amended, to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah; and **Pages H8183–91**

Urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members:

H. Res. 359, amended, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members. **Pages H8191–94**

Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 469, to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 588.

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Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–34.

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Agreed to:

Collins (GA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that clarifies the application of 5 U.S.C. 552a (The Privacy Act) to the bill.

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Rejected:

Conyers amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that calls for exception for consent decrees or settlement agreements relating to the enforcement of civil rights laws. **Pages H8202–03**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt any consent decree or covered settlement agreement pertaining to a deadline established by Congress to significantly improve access to high-speed broadband in under-served markets, such as low-income and rural communities; and to facilitate economic development in locations without sufficient access to such service (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 585);

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McEachin amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt any consent decree or settlement agreement pertaining to the improvement or maintenance of air or water quality (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 586); and

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Cartwright amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to create additional exception for consent decrees or settlement agreements entered into pursuant to Meese Policy (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 587).

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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 yesterday, October 24th.

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act: H.R. 1698, amended, to expand sanctions against Iran with respect to the ballistic missile program of Iran. **Pages H8168–78**

Senate Referrals: S. 226 was held at the desk. S. 1766 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H8222**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H8154.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8166, H8167, H8168–69, H8206–07, H8207, H8208, and H8208–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOWN SYNDROME: UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE SCIENCE AND POTENTIAL FOR DISCOVERIES ACROSS OTHER MAJOR DISEASES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing entitled “Down Syndrome: Update on the State of the Science and Potential for Discoveries Across Other Major Diseases”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sessions, and Representatives McMorris Rodgers and Bustos; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS: A STATUS UPDATE ON CARA AND OTHER INITIATIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Federal Efforts to Combat the Opioid Crisis: A Status Update on CARA and Other Initiatives”. Testimony was heard from Neil Doherty, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration; Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Elinore McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.