

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.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Brendan Carr, Commissioner; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner; Ajit Pai, Chairman; and Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner.

SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE EQUIFAX DATA BREACH

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Equifax Data Breach”. Testimony was heard from Sara Cable, Director, Data Privacy and Security, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Office of Attorney General, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S IRAN DECISION: NEXT STEPS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The President’s Iran Decision: Next Steps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State Voter Registration List Maintenance”. Testimony was heard from Connie Lawson, Secretary of State, Indiana; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4092, the “AG Act”; and H.R. 3711, the “Legal Workforce Act”. H.R. 4092 and H.R. 3711 were ordered reported, as amended.

EMPOWERING STATE BASED MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS FOR GREATER SAGE GROUSE RECOVERY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Empowering State Based Management Solutions for Greater Sage Grouse Recov-

ery”. Testimony was heard from Scott Bedke, Speaker, House of Representatives, Idaho; Darin Bird, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Montana; and J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Eureka County, Nevada.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 215, the “American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from John Tahsuda III, Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ONGOING MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES AT IRS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules held a joint hearing entitled “Ongoing Management Challenges at IRS”. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Gregory Kutz, Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Jeffrey Tribiano, Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support, Internal Revenue Service; and Gina Garza, Chief Information Officer, Internal Revenue Service.

BOLSTERING THE GOVERNMENT’S CYBERSECURITY: ASSESSING THE RISK OF KASPERSKY LAB PRODUCTS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Bolstering the Government’s Cybersecurity: Assessing the Risk of Kaspersky Lab Products to the Federal Government”. Testimony was heard from Donna Dodson, Associate Director and Chief Cybersecurity Advisor, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; David Shive, Chief Information Officer, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

GAO AUDIT REVEALS HALF-MEASURES TAKEN BY SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “GAO Audit Reveals Half-Measures Taken by Small Business Advocates”. Testimony was heard from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Robb N. Wong, Associate Administrator,

Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Kevin Boshears, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Homeland Security.

EXAMINING HOW VBA CAN EFFECTIVELY PREVENT AND MANAGE OVERPAYMENTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining How VBA Can Effectively Prevent and Manage Overpayments". Testimony was heard from Willie C. Clark, Sr., Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3018, the "Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act"; H.R. 3634, the "Securing Electronic Records for Veterans' Ease Act of 2017"; H.R. 3949, the "VALOR Act"; H.R. 3965, the "Veterans Armed for Success Act"; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs. H.R. 3949 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. Legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs, H.R. 815, H.R. 3018, H.R. 3634, and H.R. 3965 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF BILL: PROVIDING TARIFF RELIEF TO U.S. MANUFACTURERS THROUGH THE NEW MTB PROCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: Providing Tariff Relief to U.S. Manufacturers Through the New MTB Process". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Kevin Hassett, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on Niger, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, and Suzanne Israel Tufts, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine advanced cyber technologies that could be used to help protect electric grids and other energy infrastructure from cyberattacks, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Res. 279, reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Cambodia, and the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Richard Duke Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Jamie McCourt, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Peter Henry Barlerin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Daniel L.