

**MEDICAID**

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine Medicaid, focusing on compliance with eligibility requirements, after receiving testimony from Brian P. Ritchie, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Daryl G. Purpera, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Baton Rouge; and Judith Solomon, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Sullivan, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**UNAUTHORIZED AND UNACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine the unauthorized and unaccountable government, including H.R. 2505, to provide for a reauthorizing schedule for unauthorized Federal programs, after receiving testimony from Representative Rodgers; Kevin R. Kosar, R Street Institute, and James A. Thurber, American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, both of

Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan M. Bydlak, Institute for Spending Reform, Alexandria, Virginia.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, and Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Bernard Maurice Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senators Inhofe and Lankford, and Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**PROMOTING THE USEFUL ARTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine promoting the useful arts, focusing on how Congress can prevent the issuance of poor quality patents, after receiving testimony from Andrew Hirshfeld, Commissioner of Patents, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; R. Polk Wagner, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia; Melissa F. Wasserman, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Teresa Stanek Rea, Crowell and Moring LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Colleen Chien, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4913–4935; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 663–667, were introduced. **Pages H8677–78**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H8677**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 660, directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–266). **Pages H8679–80**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8599**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8605**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Robert Barron, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, CA. **Page H8605**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:01 p.m. **Page H8618**

**Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019:** The House passed H.R. 2181, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land

in the State of New Mexico, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 597.

**Pages H8622–40**

Rejected the Arrington 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 recorded vote of 199 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 596. **Pages H8638–39**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part D of H. Rept. 116–264 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H8631**

Agreed to:

Luján amendment (No. 1 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that amends a finding to further clarify that this legislation only impacts federal lands and federal minerals and has no impact on valid existing rights, including the development rights of any Indian Tribe or member of an Indian Tribe. **Pages H8632–33**

Rejected:

Gosar amendment (No. 2 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to allow conveyance or exchange of federal land within the Withdrawal Area to or with State trust land entities, as well as Indian tribes (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 593); **Pages H8633–34, H8636**

Gosar amendment (No. 3 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to delay permanent mineral withdrawal until Secretary of the Interior determines that the withdrawal won't impact the ability to develop or the economic value of mineral rights held by Native Americans in the withdrawal area or the great Chaco region (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 594); and **Pages H8634–35, H8636–37**

Arrington amendment (No. 4 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to allow operators to continue new oil and gas development in the proposed exclusionary zone if operators have previously been in accordance with the “Historic Preservation Act” as well as existing rules and regulations for archaeological sites and areas of sensitivity in Chaco Canyon Historical Park (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 595). **Pages H8635–36, H8637–38**

H. Res. 656, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 823), (H.R. 1373), and (H.R. 2181) was agreed to yesterday, October 29th.

**Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act:** The House passed H.R. 1373, to protect, for current and future generations, the watershed, ecosystem, and cultural heritage of the Grand Canyon region in the State of Arizona, by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 602.

**Pages H8609–18, H8618–22, H8640–45**

Rejected the Wittman 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 recorded vote of 196 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 601. **Pages H8642–44**

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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H8618**

Rejected:

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to specify the Act shall not become effective until the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, finds that the withdrawal will not adversely affect jobs available to Native Americans, other minorities, and women (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 598); **Pages H8618–20, H8640–41**

Gosar amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to exclude lands in the 4th Congressional District of Arizona from the permanent mineral withdrawal under the Act (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 599); and **Pages H8620–21, H8641–42**

Gosar amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to delay permanent mineral withdrawal under the Act until the Secretary of the Interior completes a mineral survey of proposed withdrawal area (including uranium, rare earth elements, geothermal resources and oil and natural gas) and determine there are no mineral resources, geothermal resources, or critical minerals present other than uranium (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 600). **Pages H8621–22, H8642**

H. Res. 656, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 823), (H.R. 1373), and (H.R. 2181) was agreed to yesterday, October 29th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 31st. **Page H8645**

**Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act:** The House considered H.R. 823, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, October 31st. **Pages H8645–65**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–264, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H8652**

Agreed to:

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that adds veteran outreach and engagement activities in the management plan for the Camp Hale Historic Landscape;

**Pages H8660–61**

Tipton amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that states that regarding the Curecanti National Recreation Area, nothing in this Act constitutes an express or implied Federal reservation of any water or water rights; and

**Page H8662**

Tipton amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that ensures grazing permitted at the time of enactment may continue in Thompson Divide.

**Pages H8662–63**

Proceedings Postponed:

Curtis amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that seeks to state that this bill shall not apply to any lands or waters within the Third Congressional District of Colorado;

**Pages H8660–61**

Tipton amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that seeks to limit lands being transferred from Forest Service to National Park Service based on management under a current memorandum of understanding; and

**Pages H8663–64**

Crow amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that seeks to reaffirm the critical importance of Federal public lands to the Colorado High-Altitude Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (“HAATS”).

**Pages H8664–65**

H. Res. 656, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 823), (H.R. 1373), and (H.R. 2181) was agreed to yesterday, October 29th.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8636, H8636–37, H8637–38, H8639, H8640, H8640–41, H8641–42, H8642, H8644, and H8644–45. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4895, to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. H.R. 4895 was ordered reported, as amended.

### REVIEWING THE STATE OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE—PRODUCER PERSPECTIVES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the State of Organic Agriculture—Producer Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4674, the “College Affordability Act”. H.R. 4674 was ordered reported, as amended.

### SAFEGUARDING PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAINS IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Pharmaceutical Supply Chains in a Global Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Wessel, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic Security Review Commission; and public witnesses.

### BUILDING A 100 PERCENT CLEAN ECONOMY: SOLUTIONS FOR THE U.S. POWER SECTOR

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for the U.S. Power Sector”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 4458, the “Cybersecurity and Financial System Resilience Act”; H.R. 4634, the “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 4841, the “Prudential Regulator Oversight Act”; H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”; a resolution electing minority members to the taskforces on the Committee on Financial Services; and a resolution electing minority members to the subcommittees of the Committee on Financial Services.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2153, the “Keeping Girls in School Act”; H. Res. 189, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development’s commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy; H.