

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN CHILDREN

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Indian Education, focusing on organizational challenges in transforming educational opportunities for Indian children, after receiving testimony from Charles Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior; Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Carri Jones, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, Minnesota; and Tommy Lewis, Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education, Window Rock, Arizona.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the constitutional right to counsel for indigents charged with misdemeanors, after receiving testimony from Neil Fulton, Chief Federal Public Defender for the Districts of North and South Dakota; Mark S. Cady, Supreme Court of Iowa Chief Justice, Des Moines, on behalf of the Conference of Chief Justices; David A. Singleton, Ohio Justice and Policy Center, Cincinnati; Robert C. Boruchowitz, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington; and Erica Hashimoto, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens.

BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending benefits legislation, in-

cluding S. 270, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse, S. 602, to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, S. 627, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, S. 681, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, S. 1203, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living-Adjustment Act of 2015", after receiving testimony from Senators Ayotte and Gillibrand; David R. McLenachen, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration; Anthony M. Kurta, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Personnel Policy; Teresa W. Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy, Veterans' Employment and Training Service; and Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, Jeffrey Phillips, Reserve Officers Association of the United States, and Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 2285–2314; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; and H. Res. 261, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 260, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to

prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–112).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Larry Kendrick, Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, Brownsville, Tennessee.

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

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Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may postpone further proceedings today on a motion to recommit as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H2901**

USA FREEDOM Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, by a recorded vote of 338 ayes to 88 noes, Roll No. 224. **Pages H2901–23**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–111 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2901**

H. Res. 255, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1735), (H.R. 36), and (H.R. 2048), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 221, after the previous question was ordered. **Page H2892**

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 36, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 184 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 223. **Pages H2923–39**

Rejected the Brownley (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 246 nays, Roll No. 222. **Pages H2936–38**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–111 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2924**

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Moment of silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of all law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. **Page H2939**

Unanimous consent agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that debate under clause 1(c) of rule 15 on a motion to suspend the rules relating to H.R. 1191 be extended to one hour. **Page H2940**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: The House began consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and to prescribe mili-

tary personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 14. **Pages H2940–48, H2955**

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Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance—Reappointment: The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, the joint reappointment on May 13, 2015 of Ms. Barbara L. Camens of Washington, DC, Chair, and Ms. Roberta L. Holzwarth of Rockford, Illinois, each to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance. **Page H2948**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representative Becerra. **Page H2948**

Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Representative Deutch. **Pages H2948–49**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Israel and Loretta Sanchez (CA). **Page H2949**

House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representatives Davis (CA), Sherman, and Richmond. **Page H2949**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Representatives Bishop (GA) and Thompson (CA). **Page H2949**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s

Republic of China: Representatives Walz, Kaptur, Honda, and Lieu (CA). **Page H2949**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representatives Hastings (FL), Slaughter, Cohen, and Grayson. **Page H2949**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Minority Leader Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable Marcy Kaptur of Ohio to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page H2949**

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Minority Leader Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable James P. McGovern of Massachusetts as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. **Page H2949**

National Council on the Arts—Minority Leader Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable Betty McCollum of Minnesota to the National Council on the Arts. **Page H2949**

Recess: The House recessed at 8 p.m. and reconvened at 11 p.m. **Page H2955**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012 is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–36). **Page H2923**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2892.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2901, H2937–38, H2938–39, and H2939. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL COORDINATION AND RESPONSE REGARDING POLLINATOR HEALTH

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing to review the federal coordination and response regarding pollinator health. Testimony was heard

from Robert Johansson, Acting Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; and Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, Office of Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016. The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016 was approved.

DISCUSSION DRAFTS ADDRESSING HYDROPOWER REGULATORY MODERNIZATION AND FERC PROCESS COORDINATION UNDER THE NATURAL GAS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Discussion Drafts Addressing Hydropower Regulatory Modernization and FERC Process Coordination under the Natural Gas Act”. Testimony was heard from Paul R. LePage, Governor of Maine; Ann F. Miles, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON THE IANA TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on the IANA Transition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE DODD-FRANK ACT AND REGULATORY OVERREACH

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act and Regulatory Overreach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE CAPITAL FORMATION AND REDUCE REGULATORY BURDENS, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation and Reduce Regulatory Burdens, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.