

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2584–2601; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 54; and H. Res. 286, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3642–43

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 287, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2577) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2578) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–135).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Thomas More Garrett, OP, St. Pius V Catholic Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m.

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

Authorizing early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska: H.R. 404, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska;

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Native American Children's Safety Act: H.R. 1168, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings;

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Revoking the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe: H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe;

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Designating a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as "Sky Point": H.R. 979, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as "Sky Point";

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Directing the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska: H.R. 336, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska;

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Reauthorizing the National Estuary Program: H.R. 944, to reauthorize the National Estuary Program;

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Girls Count Act of 2015: S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries; and

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Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act: H.R. 1493, amended, to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:01 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act: The House passed H.R. 1335, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 152 noes, Roll No. 267.

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Rejected the Peters 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 yea-and-nay vote of 155 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 266.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–16 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Keating amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–128) that amends Section 10(3) Use of Asset Forfeiture Fund for Fishery Independent DataCollection to include fishery research and independent stock assessments, conservation gear engineering, at-sea and shoreside monitoring, fishery impact statements, and other priorities established by the Council as necessary to rebuild or maintain sustainable fisheries, ensure healthy ecosystems, and maintain fishing communities; **Pages H3604–05**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–128) that provides for additional information for stock assessments, the use of students to collect marine recreational fishing data and clarifies information for Council reviews; and **Pages H3607–08**

Wittman amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–128) that gives NOAA the authority to use alternative fishery management measures.

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Rejected:

Huffman amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–128) that sought to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and improve fisheries management and data collection; **Pages H3613–17**

Dingell amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–128) that sought to eliminate the requirement to fast-track analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 264); and

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Lowenthal amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–128) that sought to allow the National Ocean Council, operating under Executive Order 13547, to develop a process for decommissioning oil and gas rigs that eliminate harm to the red snapper stock and improve habitat (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 265). **Pages H3605–07, H3621**

Withdrawn:

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–128) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have conferred management of snapper fisheries to Gulf of Mexico states similar to the management of Atlantic Striped Bass to Atlantic states; sought to improve the science of snapper fisheries monitoring. **Pages H3608–12**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3624**

H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1335) was agreed to on May 21st.

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War: The House agreed to discharge from com-

mittee and agree to H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. **Page H3624**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3592.

Senate Referrals: S. 184 was held at the desk. S. 246 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H3640**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3620, H3621, H3623, and H3623–24. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016; COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2577, the “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”; and H.R. 2578, the “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, modified-open rules for H.R. 2577 and H.R. 2578. The rule provides one hour of general debate on each bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in each bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that after general debate each bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule except that: 1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and 2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit each bill with or without instructions. Testimony