

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2688–2708 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4002–04**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 906, to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–142);

H.R. 1734, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment (H. Rept. 114–143);

H.R. 2596, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–144, Part 1); and

H. Res. 303, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2393) to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–145). **Page H4000**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3923**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3925**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speakers approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Page H3925**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m. **Page H3926**

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

United States Grain Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015: H.R. 2088, amended, to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to improve inspection services performed at export elevators at export port locations, and to reauthorize certain au-

thorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under such Act; **Pages H3926–29**

Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2015: H.R. 2051, amended, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements; **Pages H3929–31**

National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015: H.R. 2394, amended, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act; **Pages H3931–32**

Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act: H.R. 235, to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; and **Pages H3952–56**

Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act: H.R. 889, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title. **Pages H3956–59**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H3963**

Commodity End-User Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 2289, to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, and to help keep consumer costs low, by a ye-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 309. **Pages H3932–52, 3963–64**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–18 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 Agriculture now printed in the bill. **Pages H3940–48**

Agreed by unanimous consent that amendments No. 2 and 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–136 may be considered out of sequence. **Page H3950**

Agreed to:

Conaway amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that makes conforming and technical changes; **Page H3948**

Moore amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that narrows the scope of the provisions in the bill to ensure that only swap data, and not any other data, held by an SDR is required to be shared with other regulators; ensures that the language in

the Securities Exchange Act and the Commodity Exchange Act mirror each other; **Pages H3949–50**

Walorski amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that adds “Status of consultations with all U.S. market participants including major producers and consumers”; **Page H3950**

Plaskett amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that expresses a sense of Congress that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission should take all appropriate actions to encourage applications for positions in the Office of the Chief Economist from members of minority groups, women, disabled persons, and veterans; and **Page H3951**

Takai amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that requires a report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a summary of any plans of action and milestones for any known information security vulnerability. **Pages H3951–52**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3999**

H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2289) was agreed to on June 3rd.

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Mississippi: Representative-elect Trent Kelly presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from the Honorable C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr., Mississippi Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 2, 2015, the Honorable Trent Kelly was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Mississippi. **Pages H3964–65**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Mississippi, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H3965**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 329. Consideration began June 3rd. **Pages H3965–98**

Rejected the Delaney motion to recommit to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the

House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 328. **Pages H3996–98**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that was debated on June 4th that prohibits the use of funds to carry out the rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing”, published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Federal Register on July 19, 2013 (by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 311); **Page H3966**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code; **Page H3973**

Engel amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 2, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency’s fleet inventory, except in accordance with the Presidential Memorandum dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H3976–77**

Newhouse amendment that prohibits the use of funds to issue, implement, or enforce regulations by the FAA for operations and certification of small unmanned aircraft systems in contravention to 14 CFR 21.25(b)(1); **Page H3979**

Bass amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the FTA to implement, administer, or enforce section 18.36(c)(2) of title 49, for construction hiring purposes; **Page H3982**

Zeldin amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Administrator of the FAA to institute an administrative or civil action or disposition of penalties against the sponsor of East Hampton Airport in East Hampton, NY; **Pages H3982–83**

Denham amendment that prohibits the use of funds for high-speed rail in the State of California or for the California High-Speed Rail Authority, nor may any be used by the Federal Railroad Administration to administer a grant agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority that contains a tapered matching requirement; **Pages H3984–85**

Mullin amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce subpart B of part 750 of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, regarding signs for service clubs and religious notices as defined in section 153(p) of such part; **Page H3986**

Yoho amendment that prohibits the use of funds to use in contravention of subpart E of part 5 of regulations of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (24 C.F.R. Part 5, Subpart E; relating to restrictions on assistance to noncitizens) (by a recorded vote of 244 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 319); **Pages H3972–73, H3990–91**

Brooks (AL) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to provide financial assistance in contravention

of section 214(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 320);

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Hultgren amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the FAA for the bio-data assessment in the hiring of Air Traffic Control Specialists (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 321);

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Garrett amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the final rule entitled “Implementation of the Fair Housing Act’s Discriminatory Effects Standard”, published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 323);

Pages H3979–80, H3993

Peters amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of Executive Order 11246 (relating to Equal Employment Opportunity) (by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 184 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 326); and

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Issa amendment that prohibits the use of funds to acquire a camera for the purpose of collecting or storing vehicle license plate numbers (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 129 noes, Roll No. 327).

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Rejected:

Blackburn amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2015) that was debated on June 4th that sought to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 310);

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Gosar amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls for High-Hazard Flammable Trains” (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 312);

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Posey amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to take any actions with respect to the financing of passenger rail projects along Florida’s East Coast (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 313);

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Sessions amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to support Amtrak’s route with the highest loss, measured by contributions/(Loss) per Rider (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 314);

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Sessions amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to support any Amtrak route whose costs exceed 2 times its revenues (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 315);

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Schiff amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enforce section 47524 of title 49, with regard to noise or access restriction of the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, CA (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 316);

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Posey amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to authorize exempt facility bonds to finance passenger rail projects that cannot attain the speed of 150 mph (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 317);

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Posey amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to make a loan in an amount that exceeds \$600,000,000 under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 318);

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Grothman amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for any family who is not an elderly family or a disabled family of the United States Housing Act and who was not receiving project-based rental assistance under section 8 of such Act as of Oct. 1, 2015, and the amount otherwise provided under such heading is reduced by \$300,000,000;

Pages H3986–87

Grothman amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for any family who is not an elderly family or a disabled family and who was not receiving tenant-based rental assistance under section 8 of such Act;

Pages H3987–88

Meehan amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for Amtrak capital grants may be used for projects off the Northeast Corridor until the level of capital spending by Amtrak for capital projects on the Northeast Corridor during fiscal year 2016 equals the amount of Amtrak’s profits from Northeast Corridor operations during FY 2015 (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 322);

Pages H3978, H3992–93

Ellison amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for contracts to entities that have violated the Fair Labor Standards Act (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 324); and

Pages H3980–81, H3993–94

Emmer (MN) (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2015) amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out any enrichment for any New Start grant request (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 325).

Pages H3981–82, H3994

Withdrawn:

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to establish any asset management position of the Office of Multifamily Housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or newly hire an employee for any asset management position, that is located at a Core office before filling each such asset management position that is located at a Non-Core office; **Page H3972**

Newhouse amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to issue, implement, or enforce the proposed regulation by the FAA entitled “Operation and Certification of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems” without consideration of the use of small unmanned aircraft systems for agricultural operations; and **Pages H3978–79**

Lewis (GA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section at the end of the bill pertaining to reverse mortgage survivor benefits. **Pages H3983–84**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Pages H3998–99**

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to on June 2nd.

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

Supporting local law enforcement agencies in their continued work to serve our communities, and supporting their use of body worn cameras to promote transparency to protect both citizens and officers alike: H. Res. 295, supporting local law enforcement agencies in their continued work to serve our communities, and supporting their use of body worn cameras to promote transparency to protect both citizens and officers alike. **Pages H3959–63**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and nineteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3963-64, H3965-66, H3966, H3966-67, H3967-68, H3968, H3969, H3969-70, H3970, H3971, H3990-91, H3991, H3991-92, H3992-93, H3993, H3993-94, H3994, H3995. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2015; DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2393, the “Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2685, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a modified-open rule for H.R. 2685. The rule provides one hour of general debate 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 the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that after general debate the 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 with or without instructions. The rule also grants a closed rule for H.R. 2393. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conaway, and Representatives Frelinghuysen, Visclosky, Massie, and DeLauro.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.