

15, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4117.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S.1558) entitled, "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016";

An original bill entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016"; and

An original bill entitled, "Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, Thomas A. Burke, of Maryland, and Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Cardin,

each to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL AGENCY WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine accounts of current and former federal agency whistleblowers, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant Colonel Jason Amerine, USA; Taylor Johnson, Senior Special Agent, Office of Investigations, and Jose Rafael Ducos, Chief Officer, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Michael James Keegan, former Associate Commissioner, Facilities and Supply Management, Department of Budget, Finance, and Management, Social Security Administration; and Thomas Devine, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2728–2744; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 309 were introduced. **Pages H4241–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4243**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 160, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–147);

H.R. 1615, to direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–148); and

H.R. 1637, to require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–149). **Page H4241**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4163**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4169**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 172 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 360. **Pages H4169, H4236–37**

Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015—Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of June 10, 2015, regarding consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1295, be modified by striking "printed" and inserting "submitted for printing". **Page H4172**

Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015: The House agreed to the Ryan (WI) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the title of H.R. 1295 and concur in the Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 1295 with an amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record, by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 345. **Pages H4194–H4218**