

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 3173–3213; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; and H. Res. 372–379 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2604, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid (H. Rept. 114–224); and

H.R. 1994, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–225, Part 1).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Brian Bohlman, The Harvest Church, Lexington, South Carolina.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speakers approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1599, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bio-engineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes, by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 150 noes, Roll No. 462.

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Rejected the Polis motion to amend the title by a yea-and-nay vote of 87 yeas to 337 nays, Roll No. 463.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–24, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–216, 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.

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Rejected:

Pingree amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to strike the entire bill and add back the section that creates a non-GMO certification program and label at USDA;

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DeFazio amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to establish that if a U.S. company or their subsidiary labels their product as containing GMOs in any foreign country they must label the equivalent product the same way in the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 303 noes, Roll No. 459);

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Huffman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to ensure tribal sovereignty to prohibit or restrict the cultivation of genetically engineered plants on tribal lands (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 460); and

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DeLauro amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to prohibit the use of the term “natural” on food when a food consists of a genetically engineered plan (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 461).

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H. Res. 369, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1599) and (H.R. 1734) was agreed to yesterday, July 22.

Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act: The House passed H.R. 3009, to amend section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny assistance under such section to a State or political subdivision of a State that prohibits its officials from taking certain actions with respect to immigration, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 466.

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Rejected the Jeffries motion to recommit 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 239 nays, Roll No. 465.

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H. Res. 370, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3009) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 464, after the previous question was ordered.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, July 27th for Morning Hour debate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5409.

Senate Referral: S. 1599 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5436,

H5436–37, H5437, H5438, H5438–39, H5439–40, H5450–51, H5451. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S OVERTIME PROPOSAL

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Examining the Costs and Consequences of the Administration’s Overtime Proposal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 1344, the “Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act”; H.R. 1462, the “Protecting Our Infants Act”; H.R. 1725, the “National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act (NASPER)”; and H.R. 2820, the “Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act”. H.R. 1344 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 1462, H.R. 1725, and H.R. 2820.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a markup on H.R. 985, the “Concrete Masonry Products, Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015”; the “Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3154, the “E-Warranty Act of 2015”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 985 and the “Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015”. H.R. 3154 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

ENDING ‘TOO BIG TO FAIL’: WHAT IS THE PROPER ROLE OF CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY?

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ending ‘Too Big to Fail’: What is the Proper Role of Capital and Liquidity?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS AND BUDGET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “National Credit Union Administration Operations and Budget”. Testimony was heard

from Debbie Matz, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

AMERICA’S SECURITY ROLE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “America’s Security Role in the South China Sea”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLICATIONS OF A NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN, PART III

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Implications of a Nuclear Agreement with Iran, Part III”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PURSUING NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: MEXICO’S ENERGY REFORMS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Pursuing North American Energy Independence: Mexico’s Energy Reforms”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a markup on H.R. 3102, the “Airport Access Control Security Improvement Act of 2015”; a Committee Print consisting of the “Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3144, the “Partners for Aviation Security Act”. The following were reported to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 3102 and the Committee Print consisting of the “Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act of 2015”. H.R. 3144 was reported to the full committee, without amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING; SANCTUARY CITIES: A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a business meeting to request Department of Homeland Security departmental reports on the beneficiaries of H.R. 422, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; and H.R. 396, for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas; and a hearing entitled “Sanctuary Cities: a Threat to Public Safety”. The request for Department of Homeland Security departmental reports on H.R. 422 and H.R. 396 was approved. Testimony was heard from Scott Jones, Sheriff, Sacramento County, California; Richard Biehl, Chief of Police, Dayton Police Department, Dayton, Ohio; and public witnesses.