

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Rod Cannon, New Vision Worship Center, Zolfo Springs, Florida. **Page H7097**

Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 483, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 567, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 566. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, October 23rd. **Pages H7101–07, H7124–26**

National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1937, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, by a yea-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 565. **Pages H7107–24**

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 recorded vote of 184 yeas to 246 noes, Roll No. 564. **Pages H7122–24**

Agreed to:

Pearce amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–301) that clarifies that the bill does not affect Secretarial Order 3324, issued by the Department of the Interior. **Pages H7117–18**

Rejected:

Lowenthal amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–301) that sought to replace the bill's definition of "strategic and critical minerals" with the accepted definition from the National Research Council (by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 253 noes, Roll No. 560); **Pages H7114–15, H7120**

Dingell amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–301) that sought to ensure that mining permits are fully reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 561); **Pages H7115–16, H7120–21**

Cartwright amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–301) that sought to strike sections of the bill that would limit judicial review of agency actions and prevent the awarding of attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 562); and **Pages H7116–17, H71212**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–301) that sought to require demonstration for proposed projects that domestic capacity to

produce strategic and critical minerals is less than 80 percent of domestic requirements and requires publication of intent to transport or sell strategic and critical mineral intermediate and final products outside of the United States unless the domestic capacity exceeds 80 percent (by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 246 noes, Roll No. 563).

Pages H7118–19, H7121–22

H. Res. 481, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1937), was agreed to yesterday, October 21st.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:57 p.m. and reconvened at 3:32 p.m. **Page H7119**

Presidential Veto Message—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Memorandum of Disapproval of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and explained his reasons therefore—ordered printed (H. Doc. 114–70). **Page H7127**

Pursuant to the order of the House of October 21, 2015, further consideration of the veto message and the bill are postponed until the legislative day of November 5, 2015, and that on that legislative day, the House shall proceed to the constitutional question of reconsideration and dispose of such question without intervening motion. **Page H7127**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7101, H7135–36.

Senate Referral: S. 799 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7120, H7120–21, H7121, H7122, H7123–24, H7124, H7125 and H7125–26. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COUNTERING ADVERSARIAL PROPAGANDA: CHARTING AN EFFECTIVE COURSE IN THE CONTESTED INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Countering Adversarial Propaganda: Charting an

Effective Course in the Contested Information Environment”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Armstrong, Broadcasting Board of Governors; Major General Christopher K. Haas, USA, Director, Force Management and Development Directorate, United States Special Operations Command (SOCOM) (J-39); Michael Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; and Brigadier General Charles Moore, USAF, Deputy Director for Global Operations, Joint Staff (J-39).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL WATER SYSTEMS: S. 611, THE GRASSROOTS RURAL AND SMALL COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems: S. 611, the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA’S CO₂ REGULATIONS FOR NEW AND EXISTING POWER PLANTS: LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “EPA’s CO₂ Regulations for New and Existing Power Plants: Legal Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Elbert Lin, Solicitor General of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: 50 YEARS OF HUD AND ITS IMPACT ON FEDERAL HOUSING POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: 50 Years of HUD and Its Impact on Federal Housing Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORDS HAVE CONSEQUENCES: PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Words Have Consequences: Palestinian Authority Incitement to Violence”; and a markup on H. Res. 293, expressing concern over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. H. Res. 293 was ordered reported, as amended.

RUSSIAN ENGAGEMENT IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Russian Engagement in the Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NORTH KOREA: BACK ON THE STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM LIST?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “North Korea: Back on the State Sponsor of Terrorism List?”. Testimony was heard from Sung Kim, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, Department of the State; and Hilary Batjer Johnson, Deputy Coordinator for Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

AFRICA’S GREAT LAKES REGION: A SECURITY, POLITICAL, AND HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Africa’s Great Lakes Region: A Security, Political, and Humanitarian Challenge”. Testimony was heard from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Thomas Perriello, Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region of Africa, Department of State.

READY AND RESILIENT?: EXAMINING FEDERAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Ready and Resilient?: Examining Federal Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities”. Testimony was heard from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Chris P. Currie, Director, Emergency Management, National Preparedness and Critical Infrastructure Protection, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3094, the “Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority Act”. Testimony was heard from Robert Barham, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, State of Louisiana; Alan Risenhoover, Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries; Nick Wiley, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

EPA’S 2015 OZONE STANDARD: CONCERNS OVER SCIENCE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “EPA’s 2015 Ozone Standard: Concerns Over Science and Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director and Air Pollution Control Officer, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; Michael Honeycutt, Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Toxicology Division; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3763, the “Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015”. H.R. 3763 was ordered reported, as amended.

EVALUATING VA PRIMARY CARE DELIVERY, WORKLOAD, AND COST

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Evaluating VA Primary Care Delivery, Workload, and Cost”. Testimony was heard from Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Thomas Lynch, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

A REVIEW OF VA’S VETSUCCESS ON CAMPUS PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of VA’s VetSuccess on Campus Program”. Testimony was heard from Jack Kammerer, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

HEARING 4

Select Committee on Benghazi: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing 4”, regarding testimony of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Testimony was heard from Former Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton. A vote to include material in the hearing record failed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Accuracy of Medicaid and Exchange Eligibility Determinations”, 9:00 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, hearing entitled “Fighting Fraud Against the Elderly, an Update”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Investment Management”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Export-Import Bank in the Global Economy”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.