

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4992–4995; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 88; and H. Res. 692–693, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 414, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain additional disclosure requirements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–504);

H.R. 1975, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Securities Exchange Commission to refund or credit excess payments made to the Commission (H. Rept. 114–505);

H.R. 2357, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S–3 so as to add listing and registration of a class of common equity securities on a national securities exchange as an additional basis for satisfying the requirements of General Instruction I.B.1. of such form and to remove such listing and registration as a requirement of General Instruction I.B.6. of such form (H. Rept. 114–506);

H.R. 3557, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to hold open meetings and comply with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, to provide additional improvements to the Council, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–507);

H.R. 3868, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to remove certain restrictions on the ability of business development companies to own securities of investment advisers and certain financial companies, to change certain requirements relating to the capital structure of business development companies, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise certain rules relating to business development companies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–508);

H.R. 4498, to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law (H. Rept. 114–509); and

H.R. 1481, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the small business industrial base, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–510).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Kevin Hintze, Zion Lutheran Church, Georgetown, Texas. **Pages H1811–12**

No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act and IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending Act of 2016—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 687, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1206) to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service has a seriously delinquent tax debt, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4885) to require that user fees collected by the Internal Revenue Service be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury, by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 158, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 157.

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Imposing a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy and Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 688, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4890) to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3724) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 156, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 155.

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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Internal Revenue Service should provide printed copies of Internal Revenue Service Publication 17 to taxpayers in the United States free of charge: H. Res. 673, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Internal Revenue Service should provide printed copies of Internal Revenue Service Publication 17 to taxpayers in the United States free of charge; **Pages H1825–27**

Prohibiting the use of funds by the Internal Revenue Service to target citizens of the United States for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States: H.R. 4903, to prohibit the use of funds by the Internal Revenue Service to target citizens of the United States for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; **Pages H1827–30**

Service Provider Opportunity Clarification Act: H.R. 4284, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue regulations providing examples of a failure to comply in good faith with the requirements of prime contractors with respect to subcontracting plans; **Pages H1830–31**

Small Agriculture Producer Size Standards Improvements Act: H.R. 3714, to amend the Small Business Act to allow the Small Business Administration to establish size standards for small agricultural enterprises using the same process for establishing size standards for small business concerns; **Pages H1831–33**

Maximizing Small Business Competition Act of 2016: H.R. 4332, to amend the Small Business Act to clarify the duties of procurement center representatives with respect to reviewing solicitations for a contract or task order contract; **Pages H1833–34**

Unifying Small Business Terminology Act of 2016: H.R. 4325, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the anticipated value of certain contracts reserved exclusively for small business concerns; and **Pages H1834–35**

Small and Disadvantaged Business Enhancement Act of 2016: H.R. 4326, to amend the Small Business Act to expand the duties of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. **Pages H1835–37**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he has issued an executive order expanding the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011 with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–124). **Page H1837**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1814 and H1850.

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1822–23, H1823–24, H1824, and H1824–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: TIGHTENING CREDIT CONDITIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: Tightening Credit Conditions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 were ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

REVIEWING RECENT CHANGES TO OSHA’S SILICA STANDARDS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Reviewing Recent Changes to OSHA’s Silica Standards”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DECIPHERING THE DEBATE OVER ENCRYPTION: INDUSTRY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Deciphering the Debate Over Encryption: Industry and Law Enforcement Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Captain Charles Cohen, Commander, Office of Intelligence and Investigative Technologies, Indiana State Police; Chief Thomas Galati, Chief, Intelligence Bureau, New York City Police Department; Amy Hess, Executive Assistant Director for Science and Technology, Federal Bureau of Investigations; and public witnesses.