

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 5088–5121; and 3 resolutions, and H. Res. 709–711 were introduced. **Pages H2107–09**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2110–11**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2069**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2072**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H2072, H2094**

**Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term "Fiduciary":** The House passed H.J. Res. 88, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term "Fiduciary", by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 176. **Pages H2081–93**

H. Res. 706, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4901) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 174, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 173. **Pages H2076–81**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H2092**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, April 26th:

**Directing the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports:** H.R. 5019, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 175; and **Page H2081**

**Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act:** H.R. 2901, amended, to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 177.

**Pages H2093–94**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2075–76.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2080, H2080–81, H2081, H2092–93, H2093–94. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TO REVIEW THE IMPACT OF CAPITAL MARGIN REQUIREMENTS ON END-USERS

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled "To Review the Impact of Capital Margin Requirements on End-Users". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: FOOD PRICES AND THE CONSUMER

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled "Focus on the Farm Economy: Food Prices and the Consumer". Testimony was heard from Ephraim Leibtag, Assistant Administrator, Economic Research Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4909, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017". H.R. 4909 was ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Education and the Workforce:** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4843, the "Improving Safe Care for the Prevention of Infant Abuse and Neglect Act". H.R. 4843 was ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4978, the "Nurturing and Supporting Healthy Babies Act"; H.R. 4641, to provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes; H.R. 3680, the "Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015"; H.R. 3691, the "Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act"; H.R. 1818, the "Veteran

Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2015”; H.R. 4981, the “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act”; H.R. 3250, the “DXM Abuse Prevention Act of 2015”; H.R. 4969, the “John Thomas Decker Act of 2016”; H.R. 4586, the “Lali’s Law”; H.R. 4599, the “Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016”; H.R. 4976, the “Opioid Review Modernization Act of 2016”; H.R. 4982, the “Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016”; H.R. 4889, the “Kelsey Smith Act of 2016”; H.R. 4167, the “Kari’s Law Act of 2015”; H.R. 4111, the “Rural Health Care Connectivity Act of 2015”; H.R. 4190, the “Spectrum Challenge Prize Act of 2015”; H.R. 3998, the “Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act”; H.R. 2031, the “Anti-Swatting Act of 2015”; H.R. 2589, to amend the Communications Act of 1943 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; H.R. 2592, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; H.R. 2593, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; and H.R. 5050, the “Pipeline Safety Act of 2016”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4889, H.R. 4167, H.R. 4111, H.R. 3998, H.R. 2031, H.R. 2589, H.R. 4586, H.R. 3680, and H.R. 3691. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4190, H.R. 2592, and H.R. 2593.

#### **AMERICA AS A PACIFIC POWER: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America as a Pacific Power: Challenges and Opportunities in Asia”. Testimony was heard from Antony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.

#### **U.S. POLICY TOWARD LEBANON**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Lebanon”. Testimony was heard from Gerald M. Feierstein, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Andrew Exum, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy, Department of Defense.

#### **TRANSFERRING GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEES TO THE HOMELAND: IMPLICATIONS FOR STATES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Transferring Guantanamo Bay Detainees to the Homeland: Implications for States and Local Communities”. Testimony was heard from Nikki R. Haley, Governor, State of South Carolina; Todd Thompson, County Attorney, Attorney’s Office, Leavenworth County, Kansas; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1887, to amend certain appropriation Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 4743, the “National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5056, the “Airport Perimeter and Access Control Security Act of 2016”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1887 and H.R. 4743. H.R. 5056 was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 5063, the “Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the False Claims Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on a discussion draft of the “Locally-elected Officials Cooperating with Agencies in Land Management Act”. Testimony was heard from Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service; Karen Mouritsen, Deputy Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management; Jerrie Tipton, Commission Chair, Mineral County, Nevada; Sherri Brennan, Supervisor, District 1, Tuolumne County, California; and Hans Dunshee, Councilmember, Snohomish County Council District 5, Washington.

### THE CONSEQUENCES OF FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT ALONG THE U.S. BORDER TO RURAL COMMUNITIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Consequences of Federal Land Management along the U.S. Border to Rural Communities and National Security”. Testimony was heard from Jon Andrew, Interagency Borderland Coordinator, Department of the Interior; LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner, Boundary County, Idaho; and public witnesses.

### CRIMINAL ALIENS RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Criminal Aliens Released by the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Sarah R. Saldaña, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Ralph Martin, Chief of Police, Santa Maria Police Department, Santa Maria, California; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINING EPA’S PREDETERMINED EFFORTS TO BLOCK THE PEBBLE MINE, PART II

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining EPA’s Predetermined Efforts to Block the Pebble Mine, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Dennis McLerran, Administrator, Region 10, Environmental Protection Agency.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3209, the “Recovering Missing Children Act”; H.R. 5053, the “Preventing IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act”; and H.R.

3832, the “Stolen Identify Refund Fraud Prevention Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3209, H.R. 5053, and H.R. 3832.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 4979, the “Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016” and the “Nuclear Utilization of Keynote Energy Policies Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “The Pet Medication Industry: Issues and Perspectives”, 9:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 353, the “Veterans’ Access to Hearing Health Act of 2015”; H.R. 3471, the “Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2015”; H.R. 3974, the “Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 3989, the “Support Our Military Caregivers Act”; H.R. 4977, the “VA Scheduling Accountability Act”; H.R. 2460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; and H.R. 3956, the “VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act”, 8:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5077, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This markup will be closed.