Rejected:
Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–429) that was debated on November 29th that sought to increase the royalty rate by 16.66 percent for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest (by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 642).

H. Res. 631, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3017) and (H.R. 3905) was agreed to yesterday, November 29th.

Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 4182 to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 648.

Agreed to:
Gianforte amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–430), as modified, that provides additional notification to supervisor with 1 year, 6 months, 3 months and 30 days of remaining probationary period.

Rejected:
Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–430) that sought to exempt alumni of the PeaceCorps, AmeriCorps, and other national service programs under the Corporation for National and Community Service from the two year probationary period (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 646); and

Conolly amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–430) that sought to strike the provisions of the bill and replace it with a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States; the study and report would be on those agencies that have lengthened the employee probationary period from 1 to 2 years, and any impact of an existing 2 year probationary period at the agency (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 647).

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–40 shall be considered as adopted.

H. Res. 631, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3017) and (H.R. 3905) was agreed to yesterday, November 29th.

Relating to the exercise of the authority of the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary: The House agreed to H. Res. 636, relating to the exercise of the authority of the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate Referrals: S. 825 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 1285 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 254 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. S. 772 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 669 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 245 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 343 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 302 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9547.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9535, H9536, H9537–38, H9538, H9557, H9557–58, H9558–59, and H9559. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EMERGENCY RELIEF

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief”. Testimony was heard from Brandye Hendrickson, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Walter Waidelich, Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration.

IMPLEMENTING THE 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT: AN UPDATE FROM FDA AND NIH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Implementing the 21st Century Cures Act: An Update from FDA and NIH”. Testimony was heard from Francis Collins, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Health; and Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

IDENTITY VERIFICATION IN A POST-BREACH WORLD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Identity Verification in a Post-Breach World”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN COMBATING ONLINE SEX TRAFFICKING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Latest Developments in Combating Online Sex Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from Representative Wagner; Russ Winkler, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION AND CYBERSECURITY PROTOCOLS OF THE CONSOLIDATED AUDIT TRAIL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investments held a hearing entitled “Implementation and Cybersecurity Protocols of the Consolidated Audit Trail”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. SANCTIONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of U.S. Sanctions Programs”. Testimony was heard from Marshall Billingslea, Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury; and John E. Smith, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

WORLD WIDE THREATS: KEEPING AMERICA SECURE IN THE NEW AGE OF TERROR

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threats: Keeping America Secure in the New Age of Terror”. Testimony was heard from Elaine C. Duke, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

THE ROLE AND IMPACT OF NATIONWIDE INJUNCTIONS BY DISTRICT COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Role and Impact of Nationwide Injunctions by District Courts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee completed a markup on H.R. 1778, to provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 2630, the “La Paz County Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 3117, the “Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2017”; H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3979, the “Keep America’s Refuges Operational Act”; H.R. 4299, to provide for the indefinite duration of certain military land withdrawals, to improve the management of lands currently subject to such withdrawals and to make the management of such lands more transparent, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4300, the “Admiral Lloyd R. ‘Joe’ Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Establishment Act”. H.R. 1778 and H.R. 4300 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2630, H.R. 3117, H.R. 3607, H.R. 3979, and H.R. 4299 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4419, the “Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Newhouse;
Alan Mikkelsen, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1675, the “National Landslide Preparedness Act”; H.R. 4033, the “National Geologic Mapping Act Reauthorization Act”; legislation to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes; and legislation to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System. Testimony was heard from David Applegate, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the Director, Natural Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2623, the “Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2017”; H.R. 4431, the “Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans’ Pensions Act”; H.R. 3638, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Kings Road in Jacksonville, Florida, as the “Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building”; H.R. 3655, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the “Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building”; H.R. 4042, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the “Borinqueneers Post Office Building”; H.R. 4285, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 Bridgeport Pike in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, as the “James C. Billy Johnson Post Office Building”; and H.R. 4301, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill, South Carolina, as the “J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building”. H.R. 2623 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4431, H.R. 3638, H.R. 3655, H.R. 4042, H.R. 4285, and H.R. 4301 were ordered reported, without amendment.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4460, the “Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 3814, the “No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act”; and H.R. 3813, the “Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act”. H.R. 4460 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3814 and H.R. 3813 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**TESTIMONY OF ERIK PRINCE**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Testimony of Erik Prince”. Testimony was heard from a public witness. This hearing was open in a closed space.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Block Grant-Disaster Recovery”, 9:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Amphibious Warfare Readiness and Training: Interoperability, Shortfalls, and the Way Ahead”, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4478, the “FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.