

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4152–64; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 545, 547 were introduced. **Pages H8970–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8971–72**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H. Res. 546, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–360). **Page H8970**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8863**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8869**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Kuster motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 644 by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 655. The motion was debated yesterday, December 1st. **Page H8884**

Subsequently, the Chair appointed the following conferees on H.R. 644: Representatives Brady (TX), Reichert, Tiberi, Levin, and Linda T. Sánchez (CA). **Page H8884**

Every Child Achieves Act of 2015: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, by a yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 665. **Pages H8884–94, H8951–52**

H. Res. 542, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) and the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1177) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 654, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 653. **Pages H8882–84**

North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 8, to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability. Consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, December 3rd. **Pages H8875–84, H8894–H8965**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–36 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 Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H8875**

Agreed to:

Peters amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that includes energy storage as a form of energy that DOE should consider to enhance emergency preparedness for energy supply disruptions during natural disasters; **Pages H8924–25**

Franks (AZ) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that secures the most critical components of America's electrical infrastructure against the threat posed by a potentially catastrophic electromagnetic pulse; **Pages H8925–26**

Poliquin amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that clarifies that electric plants can be considered reliable without having to enter into supply contracts that are greater than one year; **Pages H8926–27**

Veasey amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Department of Energy to submit a report to Congress on the potential effects commercial utilization of Carbon Capture and Sequestration could have on the economy, energy infrastructure and greenhouse gas emission goals; **Page H8927**

McKinley amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that directs the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with other relevant agencies and stakeholders, to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing an ethane storage and distribution hub in the United States; **Pages H8927–28**

Ellmers (NC) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that makes a statement of policy on grid modernization; **Pages H8928–29**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–359), as modified, that directs the Secretary of Energy to submit to the Congress a report on methods to increase electric grid resilience with respect to all threats, including cyber attacks, vandalism, terrorism, and severe weather, no later than 120 days after the date of enactment of the Act; **Pages H8929–30**

Kildee amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that instructs the GAO to study ways to improve the National Response Center; **Pages H8930–31**

Garamendi amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that includes energy transportation in the list of considerations for the Energy Security Valuation report in Sec. 3002; **Page H8931**

McKinley amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that ensures that no permit for the construction, operation, or maintenance of an export facility can be denied until all reviews required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 are complete; **Page H8932**

Takano amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires a GAO Report to be submitted to Congress on the potential of battery energy storage; **Pages H8934–35**

Peters amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Secretary of Energy to report on energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reduction from conversion of captured methane to energy; **Page H8936**

Brooks (IN) amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that calls on the Department of Energy to review and update the data used for a 9 year old federal study on re-refined oil, and requires the development of a strategy to increase its collections and sustainability; **Pages H8937–38**

Upton amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that makes a technical fix to DOE's External Power Supply Rule; **Page H8938**

Upton amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that strikes a number of provisions, some of which have already been enacted into law, and makes technical and conforming changes to the reported text of H.R. 8, H.R. 2295, and H.R. 2358 (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 656); **Pages H8919–23, H8945–46**

Gene Green (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that creates a permitting process through the Department of Energy, FERC, and Department of State for cross-border infrastructure projects (by a recorded vote of 263 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 658); **Pages H8932–34, H8947**

Barton amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that repeals restrictions on the export of crude oil and includes provisions of H.R. 702 as passed by the House (by a recorded vote of 255 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 664); **Pages H8943–45, H8951**

Duffy amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the EPA to satisfy regulatory planning and review requirements established by the Clinton and Obama Administrations; **Pages H8953–54**

Gosar amendment (No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that ensures timely review for legal challenges of energy projects on federal land and limits attorney fees in order to discourage frivolous lawsuits and foster energy production; **Pages H8954–56**

Upton amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Department of Energy and Department of Commerce to conduct a study regarding the legal and regulatory barriers that delay,

prohibit, or impede the export of natural energy resources; **Page H8956**

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that allows community solar projects to be connected to their power distribution system and allows the electricity produced by the community solar facility to be credited directly to each of the consumers that owns a share of the system; **Pages H8957–58**

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Department of Energy to study the maximum level of volatility that is consistent with the safest practicable shipment of crude oil; **Pages H8958–59**

Deutch amendment (No. 33 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that promotes the research, development, and demonstration of marine hydrokinetic energy technologies and improves the regulatory process for such programs; **Pages H8959–60**

Grayson amendment (No. 34 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that establishes minimum privacy standards for “Smart Meters” and their use in the smart grid; **Pages H8960–61**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 35 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that directs the Secretaries of Energy and Commerce to jointly establish an energy enterprise competition to encourage youth to propose solutions to the energy challenges of the United States and to promote youth interest in careers in science, technology, engineering, and math, especially as those fields relate to energy; **Pages H8961–63**

Meng amendment (No. 36 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that strikes terms such as “Oriental” and “Negro” from two sections of title 42 of the U.S. Code, and replaces them with culturally appropriate terms; and **Page H8963**

Norcross amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that directs the Secretary of Energy to study weaknesses in the security architecture of certain smart meters currently available. **Pages H8964–65**

Rejected:

Tonko amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strike Section 1101 (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 657); **Pages H8923–24, H8946**

Beyer amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strike the repeal of Section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act which establishes targets for reducing energy from fossil fuels in federal buildings (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 659); **Pages H8935–36, H8947–48**

Schakowsky amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strip Section 4125 from the bill; Section 4125 eliminates an existing consumer right to recover costs due to manufacturer

misrepresentation of Energy Star products (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 660);

Pages H8936–37, H8948–49

Tonko amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to reauthorize the Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Program through Fiscal Year 2020 (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 661);

Pages H8938–40, H8949–50

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strengthen energy infrastructure resiliency and improves energy efficiency by incentivizing local renewable thermal (heating and cooling) energy and waste heat such as combined heat and power and by providing technical assistance to eligible entities to establish distributed energy systems (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 662); and

Pages H8940–42, H8949

Polis amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to require the Secretary of the Interior to notify landowners, and any adjacent landholders, when federally owned minerals beneath their land have been leased for oil and gas development (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 663).

Pages H8942–43, H8950

Proceedings Postponed:

Cramer amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that seeks to authorize voluntary vegetation management within 150 feet of the exterior boundary of the right-of-way near structures; prevents sale of vegetation and limits legal liability;

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Rouzer amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that seeks to repeal the March 2015 EPA final rule establishing federal standards for residential wood heaters; and

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Pallone amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that seeks to prohibit the Act from taking effect until after the Energy Information Administration analyzed and published a report on the carbon impacts of the Act's provisions.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 3.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8882–83, H8883–84, H8884, H8945–46, H8946, H8947,

H8947–48, H8948, H8949, H8949–50, H8950, H8951 and H8951–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the Farm Credit System. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Spearman, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Farm Credit Administration.

PRINCIPLES FOR ENSURING RETIREMENT ADVICE SERVES THE BEST INTERESTS OF WORKING FAMILIES AND RETIREES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Principles for Ensuring Retirement Advice Serves the Best Interests of Working Families and Retirees”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 1641, the “Federal Spectrum Incentive Act of 2015”; and a discussion draft to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate that deployment of communications infrastructure by providing for an inventory of Federal assets for use in connection with such deployment, to streamline certain Federal approvals of communication facilities, to provide for measures to promote the use of utility poles in the deployment, and for other purposes. H.R. 1641 and a discussion draft to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate that deployment of communications infrastructure by providing for an inventory of Federal assets for use in connection with such deployment, to streamline certain Federal approvals of communication facilities, to provide for measures to promote the use of utility poles in the deployment, and for other purposes, were forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE U.S. CAPITAL MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Improve the U.S. Capital Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.