

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4321–4339 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on January 5, 2016 as follows:

H.R. 2347, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–386, Part 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 581, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1927) to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation (H. Rept. 114–389); and

H.R. 451, to ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–390).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Costello (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015: The House agreed to the Tom Price (GA) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3762, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent res-

olution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, by a yeand-nay vote of 240 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 6.

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H. Res. 579, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3762) by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 3, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 239 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 2.

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SCRUB Act of 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 1155, to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, January 7th.

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Agreed to:

Foxx amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that adds consideration of unfunded mandates to the Commission's review of rules;

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Schweikert amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that adds a new subsection (I) under 101(h)(2) requiring the commission to consider rules that are limiting or prohibiting government agencies from adopting technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness; and

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Walberg amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that directs the Commission to highlight the role regulations have on wage stagnation and income inequality by examining the negative impact of regulations on wages, including wages for minimum wage and part-time workers.

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Rejected:

Cummings amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that sought to strike Title IV of the bill.

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Withdrawn:

Murphy (FL) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have established an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, and for other purposes. **Pages H85–87**

Proceedings Postponed:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that seeks to strike title II of the bill, eliminating the legislation's regulatory "cut-go" process, which requires that agencies eliminate rules identified by the Regulatory Retrospective Review Commission prior to issuing a new rule; **Pages H78–79**

Cummings amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that seeks to exempt independent establishments from the requirements of the bill; **Pages H80–81**

Cicilline amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that seeks to exempt rules made by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from the additional provisions of the legislation; **Pages H81–82**

DelBene amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that seeks to create an exemption from regulatory "cut-go" requirements in the case of an emergency; **Pages H82–83**

Cicilline amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that seeks to provide that the term "rule" has the meaning given in section 551 of title 5, United States Code, except for a special rule as made by the Secretary of Homeland Security; and **Pages H83–84**

Pocan amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–388) that seeks to exempt from the bill rules put forth by the FDA for the purposes of consumer safety. **Pages H84–85**

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 712) and (H.R. 1155) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 5, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 4. **Pages H51–52**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H50, H50–51, H51–52, H52, H66–67. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

ARMY FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Army Fee Assistance Program: Part II". Testimony was heard from Carol Fortine Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration; Gerard Badorrek, Chief Financial Officer, General Services Administration; Stephanie L. Hoehne, Director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, G9, Installation Management Command, U.S. Army; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on H.R. 1610, the "Biennial Budgeting and Enhanced Oversight Act of 2015". Testimony was heard from Representatives Cole, Price of North Carolina, McClintock, Schrader, and Ribble.

FAIRNESS IN CLASS ACTION LITIGATION ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1927, the "Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015". The committee, by record vote of 8–4, granted a structured rule for H.R. 1927. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–38 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In the section 2, the rule provides that a vote on any motion relating to the disposition of the veto message for H.R. 3762 may be postponed through January 25, 2016, as though under clause 8 of rule XX. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and

Representatives Cohen, Johnson of Georgia, and Fitzpatrick.

ATTENTION NEEDED: MISMANAGEMENT AT THE SBA—THE GAO FINDINGS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Attention Needed: Mismanagement at the SBA—The GAO Findings”. Testimony was heard from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Acquisition Reform: Experimentation and Agility”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1797, the “End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act”; H.R. 3662, the “Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act”; and the “Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act: Examining Remaining Challenges”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Document Production Status Update”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Attention Needed: Mismanagement at the SBA—The Administrator Responds”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Member access request, 9 a.m., HVC-304.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, January 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 712—Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule). Complete consideration of H.R. 1155—SCRUB Act of 2015.

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