

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3008**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Ric Metzgar, Sr., The Church of God, Essex, MD. **Page H3009**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 176 noes with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 245. **Pages H3050–51**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Russell wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Pages H3012–13**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 303, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3013**

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

*Federal Emergency Management Agency Accountability, Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017:* H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 242. **Pages H3022, H3026–38**

**Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017:** The House passed H.R. 1180, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector, by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 244. **Pages H3013–19, H3024–26, H3038–50**

Rejected the Scott (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 192 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 243. **Pages H3048–49**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–15 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill. **Page H3038**

H. Res. 299, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1180) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 241, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 240. **Pages H3024–26**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

*Disaster Declaration Improvement Act:* H.R. 1665, amended, to ensure that Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency considers severe local impact in making a recommendation to the President for a major disaster declaration; **Pages H3019–22**

*Amending the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments:* H.R. 1678, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments; and **Pages H3023–24**

*Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act:* H.R. 1644, amended, to enhance sanctions with respect to transactions relating to North Korea. **Pages H3026–38**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3019.

**Senate Referral:** S. 371 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H3064**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3024–25, H3025–26, H3026, H3049, H3049–50 and H3050–51. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THREE DECADES LATER: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF OUR SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES 30-YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Three Decades Later: A Review and Assessment of Our Special Operations Forces 30-Years After the Creation of U.S. Special Operations Command". Testimony was heard from General Raymond A. Thomas, U.S. Army, Commander, Special Operations Command; and Theresa Whelan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict.

## OVERVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE AT THE MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Overview of the Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth P. Van Winkle, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen Jr., Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy; Vice Admiral Walter E. Carter Jr., Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy; Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson, Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy; and public witnesses.

## EXAMINING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Improvements to the Regulation of Medical Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

## COMBATING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN MEDICAID’S PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Combating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Medicaid’s Personal Care Services Program”. Testimony was heard from Christi Grimm, Chief of Staff, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Timothy Hill, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Katherine Iritani, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 10, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2017”.

## WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Winning the Fight Against Human Trafficking: The Frederick Douglass Reauthorization Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE CONSEQUENCES OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OVERREACH OF THE ANTIQUITIES ACT

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Examining the Consequences of Executive Branch Overreach of the Antiquities Act”. Testimony was heard from Paul LePage, Governor, Maine; Kathleen Clarke, Director, Public Lands Coordinating Office, Salt Lake City, Utah; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2227, the “Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017”; H.R. 2196, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients; H.R. 2195, the “OSC Access Act”; and H.R. 2229, the “All Circuit Review Act”. H.R. 2227, H.R. 2196, and H.R. 2229 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2195 was ordered reported, as amended.

## EXAMINING THE MANAGEMENT OF RED SNAPPER FISHING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Management of Red Snapper Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico”. Testimony was heard from Earl Comstock, Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; Jamie M. Miller, Executive Director, Department of Marine Resources, Mississippi; and public witnesses.

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL: HIRE VETS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on Senate Amendments to H.R. 244, the “HIRE Vets Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule that provides for the consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 244. The rule makes in order a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 3, and that the House concur in the Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–16 modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that it shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally

divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. In section 2, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than May 3, 2017, such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendments and the motion specified in section 1 of the rule. Finally, section 3 of the rule provides that the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence may insert in the Congressional Record not later than May 3, 2017, such material as he may deem explanatory of intelligence authorization measures for the fiscal year 2017. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frelinghuysen, Chairman Bishop of Utah, Representatives Lowey, Polis, Graves of Louisiana, and Richmond.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2105, the “NIST Small Business Cybersecurity Act of 2017”. H.R. 2105 was ordered reported, as amended.

#### OVERSIGHT OF U.S. AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Airline Customer Service”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing on the “Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Representative Titus, David C. Spickler, Executive in Charge, Acting Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, and public witnesses.

#### VA SPECIALIZED SERVICES: LOWER EXTREMITY CONDITIONS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “VA Specialized Services: Lower Extremity Conditions”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Robbins, Chief of Podiatry, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, and public witnesses.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a business meeting on consideration of access request. The committee granted access to all Members of the House the Classified Annex and Schedule of Authorizations that is anticipated to accompany Division N of H.R. 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2017.

## Joint Meetings

### POST-REFERENDUM TURKEY

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission received a briefing on post-referendum Turkey, focusing on institutions and human rights, from Henri Barkey, Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.; Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Arlington, Virginia; Nate Schenkkan, Freedom House, New York, New York, and Ebru Erdem-Akca, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense innovation and research funding, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense laboratories and their contributions to military operations and readiness, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine building a flexible personnel system (F.A.S.T. Force) for a modern military, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the economy and private sector growth, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine investing in America’s broadband infrastructure, focusing on exploring ways to reduce barriers to deployment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine infrastructure project streamlining and efficiency, focusing on achieving faster, better, and cheaper results, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine global philanthropy and remittances and international development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1177, the “Removing Outdated Restrictions to Allow for Job Growth Act”, and H.R. 2154, to rename the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota, as the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the 2020 Census, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.