

original bill entitled, “Veteran Partners’ Efforts to Enhance Reintegration Act”, after receiving testimony from Jennifer S. Lee, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health for Policy and Services, Veterans Health Administration; Louis J. Celli, Jr., The American Legion, Kayda Keleher, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Allison Jaslow, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and J. David Cox, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, AFL–CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

AGING WITH COMMUNITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aging with community, focusing on building connections that last a lifetime, after receiving testimony from Lindsay Goldman, The New York Academy of Medicine, Rye Brook; Meg Callaway, Piscataquis Thriving in Place Collaborative, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine; Cathy A. Bollinger, Embracing Aging York County Community Foundation, Spring Grove, Pennsylvania; and Anamarie Garces, Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative, Miami, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R.2475–2509; and 7 resolutions, H. Res.329–335 were introduced. **Pages H4309–11**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4312–13**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 195, to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–128, Part 1);

H.R. 2227, to modernize Government information technology, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–129, Part 1); and

H.R. 2266, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges; and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–130). **Pages H4308–09**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4227**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4232**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Thomas A. Louchheim, Congregation Or Chadash, Tucson, AZ. **Page H4233**

Thin Blue Line Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 323, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 115) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim, by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 260, after the pre-

vious question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 259. **Pages H4236–45**

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

Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017: H.R. 2266, amended, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges; **Pages H4245–48**

Public Safety Officers’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2017: S. 419, to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits program; **Pages H4248–51**

Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017: H.R. 984, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansmond Indian Tribe (Agreed by unanimous consent that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 984 be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo); **Pages H4251–59, H4266**

Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017: H.R. 2227, amended, to modernize Government information technology; **Pages H4259–66**

Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2017: H.R. 194, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies; **Pages H4266–67**

Federal Register Printing Savings Act of 2017: H.R. 195, to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the

Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States;

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Federal Intern Protection Act of 2017: H.R. 653, to amend title 5, United States Code, to protect unpaid interns in the Federal Government from workplace harassment and discrimination;

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Improving Fusion Centers' Access to Information Act: H.R. 2169, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance information sharing in the Department of Homeland Security State, Local, and Regional Fusion Center Initiative;

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Border Enforcement Security Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2017: H.R. 2281, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the Border Enforcement Security Task Force program within the Department of Homeland Security;

Pages H4271–73

Removing Outdated Restrictions to Allow for Job Growth Act: H.R. 1177, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release on behalf of the United States the condition that certain lands conveyed to the City of Old Town, Maine, be used for a municipal airport, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 262;

Pages H4273–74, H4294–95

Renaming the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota, as the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center: H.R. 2154, amended, to rename the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota, as the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center;

Pages H4274–75

Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2017: H.R. 672, amended, to require continued and enhanced annual reporting to Congress in the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom on anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, the safety and security of European Jewish communities, and the efforts of the United States to partner with European governments, the European Union, and civil society groups, and to combat anti-Semitism;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the fight against corruption in Central America: H. Res. 145, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the fight against corruption in Central America; and

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Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2017: H.R. 1677, amended, to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, encourage a negotiated political

settlement, and hold Syrian human rights abusers accountable for their crimes.

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Question of Privilege: Representative Pascrell rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not present a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Pascrell appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative Rothfus moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 261.

Pages H4291–94

American Law Enforcement Heroes Act of 2017: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 583, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4237.

Senate Referrals: S. 419 was held at the desk. S. 583 was held at the desk. S. 867 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S.J. Res. 22 was held at the desk.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Swalwell (CA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Affairs from the consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election (Discharge Petition No. 2).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4244, H4245, H4293, and H4294–95. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY: SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SONNY PERDUE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State of the Rural Economy: Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue”. Testimony was heard from Sonny Perdue, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a