

STATE-SPONSORED CYBERSPACE THREATS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine state-sponsored cyberspace threats, focusing on recent incidents and United States policy response, after receiving testimony from Samantha F. Ravich, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.; and Eric Rosenbach, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the cost of prescription drugs, focusing on how the drug delivery system affects what patients pay, after receiving testimony from Dan Mendelson, Avalere, and Allan Coukell, The Pew Charitable Trusts, both of Washington, D.C.; Paul Howard, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; and Gerard Anderson, Johns Hopkins Center for Hospital Finance and Management, Baltimore, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants; and

S.825, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1250, to amend the Indian

Health Care Improvement Act to improve the recruitment and retention of employees in the Indian Health Service, restore accountability in the Indian Health Service, improve health services, S. 1275, to improve the housing conditions and promote useful land uses within tribal communities, and an original bill entitled, “HUD/VA Veterans Assisted Supplemental Housing”, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Chris Buchanan, Assistant Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Keith Harris, National Director of Clinical Operations, Homeless Program Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Victoria Kitcheyan, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Winnebago; Joseph P. Crowley, American Dental Association, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mark Charlie, The Association of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority, Bethel, Alaska; and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, Liana Onnen, National Congress of American Indians, and Sami Jo Difuntorum, National American Indian Housing Council, all of Washington, D.C.

2016 ELECTION INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain intelligence matters relating to the 2016 United States election, after receiving testimony from former Senator Jeff Sessions, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2889–2899; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 381, 383 were introduced. **Pages H4912–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4913–14**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 382, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1215) to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system (H. Rept. 115–179). **Page H4912**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Comer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4857**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4865**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 166 nays with two answering “present”, Roll No. 304. **Pages H4874–75**

Committee Chairman Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Chaffetz wherein he resigned as Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H4867**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 381, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H4867**

Verify First Act: The House passed H.R. 2581, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the provision of social security numbers as a condition of receiving the health insurance premium tax credit, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 306. **Pages H4867–83**

Rejected the Sanchez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 305. **Page H4883**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4875**

H. Res. 378, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2581) and (S. 1094) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 303, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 302. **Pages H4867–74**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Doggett announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H4898–99**

Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017: The House passed S. 1094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 307. **Pages H4867–74**

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–47). **Page H4901**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4867.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H4873, H4873–74, H4874, H4897–98, H4899. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SMALL WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE: CONTINUING THE MISSION, BUILDING UPON SUCCESS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Small Watershed Infrastructure: Continuing the Mission, Building upon Success”. Testimony was heard from Jimmy Bramblett, Deputy Chief, Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Thomas D. Homan, Acting Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; John P. Wagner, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; and Carla L. Provost, Acting Chief, United States Border Patrol.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Rod Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General.

PROMOTING SECURITY IN WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Promoting Security in Wireless Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISRUPTER SERIES: UPDATE ON IOT OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Update on IOT Opportunities and Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.