

VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 75, to provide for the reconsideration of claims for disability compensation for veterans who were the subjects of experiments by the Department of Defense during World War II that were conducted to assess the effects of mustard gas or lewisite on people, S. 111, to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, S. 410, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the transfer of unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance benefits to additional dependents upon the death of the originally designated dependent, S. 473, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make qualification requirements for entitlement to Post-9/11 Education Assistance more equitable, to improve support of veterans receiving such educational assistance, S. 758, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's review and publication of illness and conditions relating to veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and their family members, S. 798, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to apply to individuals pursuing programs of education while on active duty, to recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and to programs of education pursued on half-time basis or less, S. 844, to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, S. 882, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the entitlement to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Edu-

ational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for members of the Armed Forces awarded the Purple Heart, S. 1192, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for pro-rated charges to entitlement to educational assistance under Department of Veterans Affairs Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for certain licensure and certification tests and national tests, S. 1209, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, S. 1218, to promote Federal employment for veterans, S. 1277, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a high technology education pilot program, and S. 1330, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a dependent to transfer entitlement to Post-9/11 Education Assistance in cases in which the dependent received the transfer of such entitlement to assistance from an individual who subsequently died, after receiving testimony from Senator McCaskill; Curtis Coy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration; and William Hubbard, Student Veterans of America, John Kamin, The American Legion, Patrick Murray, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Brigadier General Roy Robinson, (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 2901–2929; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 385–389 were introduced. **Pages H4936–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4939–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1393, to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (H. Rept. 115–180);

H.R. 2188, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the major metropolitan area counterterrorism training and exercise grant program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–181); and

H.R. 625, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–182). **Page H4936**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harper to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4919**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4922**

Veterans Equal Treatment Ensures Relief and Access Now Act: The House passed H.R. 2372, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the rules relating to veteran health insurance and eligibility for the premium tax credit, by voice vote. **Pages H4924–29**

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 H4925**

H. Res. 379, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2372) and (H.R. 2579) was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H4925**

Broader Options for Americans Act: The House passed H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage, by a yea-and-nay vote of 267 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 308. **Pages H4924–31**

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Expressing gratitude for the heroic actions of the United States Capitol Police and other first responders in the attack on Members of Congress on June 14, 2017, and expressing hope for a full recovery for the injured: The House agreed to H. Res. 385, expressing gratitude for the heroic actions of the United States Capitol Police and other first responders in the attack on Members of Congress on June 14, 2017, and expressing hope for a full recovery for the injured. **Page H4931**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Doggett, may be recognized on the legislative day of Wednesday, June 21, 2017, to offer the resolution that he noticed on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, without further notice under clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX. **Page H4932**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, June 16th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 20th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4932**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4924.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H4930–31. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from James N. Mattis, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Joseph Dunford, U.S. Marine Corps, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Elaine Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Scott Pruitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Holly Greaves, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2018 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, and the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2018. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.