

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3089–3103; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 67; and H. Res. 418–421 were introduced. **Pages H5294–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5296–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 91, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces (H. Rept. 115–197); and

H.R. 2825, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–198). **Page H5294**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5235**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5240**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Howard Siplin, Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Coconut Grove, FL. **Pages H5240–41**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 183 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 333. **Pages H5241, H5262**

No Sanctuary for Criminals Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 414, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3003) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify provisions relating to assistance by States, and political subdivision of States, in the enforcement of Federal immigration laws, by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 332, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 331. **Pages H5244–62**

Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 337. **Pages H5263–87**

Rejected the Kuster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 336. **Pages H5285–86**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–10 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H5273**

Agreed to:

Sessions amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–179) that begins the tolling of the statute of limitations on the date of the alleged breach or tort, rather than the date of the injury, which is not always a date certain; the statute of limits will be three years after the alleged breach or one year after the claimant discovers the breach, whichever occurs first; **Pages H5275–76**

Sessions amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–179) that clarifies that health care services as defined in H.R. 1215 include safety, professional, and administrative services directly related to health care; **Pages H5276–77**

Roe (TN) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–179) that limits who qualifies as an expert witness, in medical malpractice negligence cases, based on professional qualifications as well as geographic relation to where the case in chief is being litigated; and **Pages H5277–79**

Hudson amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–179) that allows a physician to apologize to a patient for an unintended outcome without having the apology count against them in the court of law; requires a plaintiff to provide a notice of intent to the physician 90 days before the lawsuit is filed; defers to sundry state laws regarding lawsuits and outlines requirements witnesses must meet for testimony during trial (by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 334). **Pages H5279–81, H5283–84**

Rejected:

Barr amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–179) that sought to give affirmative defense to defendants in health care liability cases if they can show they complied with clinical practice guidelines (by a recorded vote of 116 yeas to 310 noes, Roll No. 335). **Pages H5281–83, H5284**

H. Res. 382, the rule providing for consideration off the bill (H.R. 1215) was agreed to yesterday, June 27th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, June 27th.

Robert Emmet Park Act of 2017: H.R. 1500, to redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as “Robert Emmet Park”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 338. **Page H5287**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5262.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5261, H5261–62, H5262, H5283–84, H5284, H5286, H5286–87 and H5287. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018. The Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2810, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”. H.R. 2810 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION RESEARCH WHILE PROTECTING STUDENT PRIVACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Exploring Opportunities to Strengthen Education Research While Protecting Student Privacy”. Testimony was

heard from Nathaniel Schwartz, Chief Research and Strategy Officer, Tennessee Department of Education; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3043, the “Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2786, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify a qualifying conduit hydropower facility; H.R. 3050, the “Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2017”; H.R. 2883, the “Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act”; H.R. 2910, the “Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act”; H.R. 3017, the “Brownfields Enhancement Economic Redevelopment and Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 3053, the “Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2017”; and H.R. 806, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017”. H.R. 3017, H.R. 2910 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3050, H.R. 2786, H.R. 3053, H.R. 3043, H.R. 2883, and H.R. 806, were ordered reported, as amended.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S IMPACT ON MAIN STREET, RETIREES, AND SAVINGS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Federal Reserve’s Impact on Main Street, Retirees, and Savings”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE BSA/AML REGULATORY COMPLIANCE REGIME

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining the BSA/AML Regulatory Compliance Regime”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests at the United Nations”. Testimony was heard from Nikki R. Haley, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 495, the “Protection of Children Act”; H.R. 2826, the “Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act of 2017”; H.R. 1096, the “Judgment Fund Transparency Act of 2017”; and H.R.