

organizations to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1279, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs through the use of non-Department health care providers, S. 1325, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire, recruit, and train employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled, "The Department of Veterans Affairs Quality Employment Act of 2017", after receiving testimony from Baligh R. Yehia, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Louis J. Celli, Jr., The American Legion, Amy

Webb, AMVETS, Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Gabriel Stultz, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3175–3187; 3 private bills, H.R. 3188–3190; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 432–436, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–201);

H.R. 597, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–202);

H.R. 954, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–203);

H.R. 1306, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–204);

H.R. 1404, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona (H. Rept. 115–205);

H.R. 1397, to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–206, Part 1);

H.R. 1541, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort

Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–207);

H.R. 1719, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–208);

H.R. 1913, to establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–209);

H.R. 2156, to provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–210);

H.R. 2868, to protect National Flood Insurance Program policyholders from unreasonable premium rates and to require the Program to consider the unique characteristics of urban properties, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–211);

Supplemental report on H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–200, Part 2); and

H. Res. 431, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 23) to provide drought

relief in the State of California, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–212). **Pages H5431–32**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Comer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5393**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5394**

Public Interest Declassification Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following individual to the Public Interest Declassification Board: Mr. John F. Tierney of Massachusetts. **Page H5396**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H5396**

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

Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2017: H.R. 702, amended, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal Government; **Pages H5398–H5402**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1730 18th Street in Bakersfield, California, as the “Merle Haggard Post Office Building”: H.R. 1988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1730 18th Street in Bakersfield, California, as the “Merle Haggard Post Office Building”; **Pages H5402–03**

Removing the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia: H.R. 954, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia; **Pages H5403–04**

Authorizing, directing, facilitating, and expediting the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land: H.R. 1397, to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 345; **Pages H5404–05, H5417**

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 1404, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona; **Pages H5405–07**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott Na-

tional Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas: H.R. 1541, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas; **Pages H5407–08**

John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act: H.R. 1719, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 401 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 346; **Pages H5408–09, H5418–19**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5419**

Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act: H.R. 1913, to establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties; **Pages H5409–11**

Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act: H.R. 1306, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon; **Pages H5412–14**

Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial Act: H.R. 2156, to provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928; and **Pages H5414–15**

Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2017: H.R. 597, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California. **Pages H5415–16**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5417**

Oath of Office—Thirty-Fourth Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Jimmy Gomez presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from the Honorable Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State, indicating that, at the Special Election held on June 6, 2017, the Honorable Jimmy Gomez was elected Representative to Congress for the 34th Congressional District, State of California. **Pages H5417–18**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from California, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H5418**

Supplemental Report: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2810,

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. **Page H5419**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act of 2017: H.R. 1492, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the Attorney General to register practitioners to transport controlled substances to States in which the practitioner is not registered under the Act for the purpose of administering the substances (under applicable State law) at locations other than principal places of business or professional practice. **Pages H5396–98**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond October 12, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–51).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5396.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5417 and H5418–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

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

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; GAINING RESPONSIBILITY ON WATER ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2810, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”; and H.R. 23, the “Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule for H.R. 2810. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and con-

trolled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–23, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee Report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. Provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc as described in section 3 of this rule. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 23. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–24 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be