

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3267–3279, 3281–3293; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 453 and 455, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2875, to make administrative reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program to increase fairness and accuracy and protect the taxpayer from program fraud and abuse, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–233);

H.R. 3280, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–234); and

H. Res. 454, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2910) to provide for Federal and State agency coordination in the approval of certain authorizations under the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2883) to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 218) to provide for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–235).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tenney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Terry Sanders, Victory House Ministry, Uniontown, PA.

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

Amending the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify as a qualifying conduit hydropower facility: H.R. 2786, amended, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify as a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 384; Page H5935–37, H5942–43

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 2828, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; and

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Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2017: H.R. 3050, amended, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Cicilline announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sarbanes wherein he resigned from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 453, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 806, to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 391.

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Rejected the Cartwright motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 390.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–26 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 Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Rejected:

McNerney amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–229) that sought to strike the underlying bill and replace it with a grant program to benefit regions with the poorest air quality;

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Castor (FL) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–229) that sought to halt implementation of the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017 if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee finds

that application could increase health risks to vulnerable populations including children, seniors, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and minority and low-income communities (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 385);

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Tonko amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–229) that sought to strike subsection (b) of Section 3, which would allow EPA to consider technological feasibility when determining what level of pollution is safe (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 386);

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Beyer amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–229) that sought to strike subsection (h) of section 3 (relating to exceptional events) (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 387);

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Polis amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–229) that sought to close the loophole which prevents aggregating emissions from any oil or gas exploration or production well; additionally, it sought to require the EPA to add hydrogen sulfide to the list of hazardous air pollutants (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 388); and

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McNerney amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–229) that sought to strike section 6 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 389).

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H. Res. 451, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 806) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 383, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 382.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5927.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5940, H5940–41, H5942–43, H5962–63, H5963, H5964, H5964–65, H5965, H5966–67, and H5967. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE NEXT FARM BILL: PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS FOR SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Pathways to Success for SNAP Households”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2018; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018. The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2018; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018 were ordered reported, as amended.

ESSA IMPLEMENTATION: EXPLORING STATE AND LOCAL REFORM EFFORTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “ESSA Implementation: Exploring State and Local Reform Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline Nowicki, Director, K–12 Education, Government Accountability Office; Gail Pletnick, Superintendent, Dysart Unified School District, Surprise, Arizona; Carey Wright, State Superintendent, Mississippi Department of Education; and a public witness.

POWERING AMERICA: EXAMINING THE STATE OF THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY THROUGH MARKET PARTICIPANT PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Powering America: Examining the State of the Electric Industry through Market Participant Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING HRSA’S OVERSIGHT OF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining HRSA’s Oversight of the 340B Drug Pricing Program”. Testimony was heard from Erin Bliss, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Debra Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Krista M. Pedley, Director, Office of Pharmacy Affairs, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

THE COST OF BEING A PUBLIC COMPANY IN LIGHT OF SARBANES-OXLEY AND THE FEDERALIZATION OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment held a hearing entitled “The Cost of Being a Public Company in Light of Sarbanes-Oxley and the Federalization of