

the Marine Debris Program, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and Melissa B. Duhaime, University of Michigan Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Ann Arbor.

ADVANCED CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine developing and deploying advanced clean energy technologies, after receiving testimony from Senator Alexander; Steven R. Bohlen, Global Security E-Program Manager, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Mohammad A. Khaleel, Associate Laboratory Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Kemal Pasamehmetoglu, Associate Laboratory Director, Nuclear Science and Technology, Idaho National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy; Brian J. Anderson, West Virginia University WVU Energy Institute, Morgantown; and Jason Begger, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, Cheyenne.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine assessing the maximum pressure and engagement policy toward North Korea, after receiving testimony from Susan

Thornton, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Bruce Klingner, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Leon V. Sigal, Social Science Research Council, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Hoeven and Heitkamp, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Stephen S. Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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: 22 public bills, H.R. 3377–3398; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 474, were introduced. **Pages H6279–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6299–H6300**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3178, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the delivery of home infusion therapy and dialysis and the application of the Stark rule under the Medicare program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–254, Part 1);

H.R. 2246, to repeal the mandatory flood insurance coverage requirement for commercial properties located in flood hazard areas and to provide for greater transfer of risk under the National Flood Insurance Program to private capital and reinsurance

markets, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–255);

H.R. 2053, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to enhance and support mining and mineral engineering programs in the United States by funding activities at mining schools, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–256);

H.R. 2939, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–257, Part 1);

H.R. 3210, to require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–258); and

H. Res. 473, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–259). **Page H6297**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Johnson (LA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6217**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6222**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Lonnie Mitchell, Sr., Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Spokane, WA. **Page H6222**

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

Medicare Part B Improvement Act of 2017: H.R. 3178, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the delivery of home infusion therapy and dialysis and the application of the Stark rule under the Medicare program; **Pages H6233–39**

Plum Island Preservation Act: H.R. 2182, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the alternatives for the final disposition of Plum Island, including preservation of the island for conservation, education, and research; and **Pages H6239–41**

Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act: H.R. 3364, to provide congressional review and to counter aggression by the Governments of Iran, the Russian Federation, and North Korea, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 413. **Pages H6241–68, H6278–79**

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements": The House passed H.J. Res. 111, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements", by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 412. **Pages H6225–33, H6268–78**

H. Res. 468, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 411, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 410. **Pages H6232–33**

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the

House to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Ms. Cynthia A. Fisher of Newton, Massachusetts. **Page H6279**

Recess: The House recessed at 8 p.m. and reconvened at 9:39 p.m. **Page H6296**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6232, H6233, H6278, and H6278–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EVALUATING DOD EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM PROCUREMENT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Evaluating DOD Equipment and Uniform Procurement in Iraq and Afghanistan". Testimony was heard from Jessica Farb, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; John Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and the following Department of Defense officials: Colonel David W. Navratil, Country Director, Iraq, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Policy; Michael Roark, Assistant Inspector General; and Peter Velz, Director, Afghanistan (Resources and Transition), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Policy.

OVERSIGHT AND REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "Oversight and Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission". Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner; and Ajit Pai, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1624, the "Municipal Finance Support Act of 2017"; H.R. 2864, the "Improving Access to Capital Act"; H.R. 3110, the "Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act"; H.R. 3326, the "World Bank Accountability Act of 2017"; and H. Res. 442, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide certain documents in the Secretary's possession to the House of Representatives relating to President