

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1928, to establish a review of United States multilateral aid, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Lisa A. Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Sean P. Lawler, of Maryland, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Irwin Steven Goldstein, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Rebecca Eliza Gonzales, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the authority to order the use of nuclear weapons, after receiving testimony from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF (Ret.), former Commander, Strategic Command, Alexandria, Virginia, and Brian P. McKeon, former Acting Under Secretary for Policy, Washington, D.C., both of the Department of Defense; and Peter Feaver, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine American leadership in the Asia-Pacific, focusing on the view from Beijing, after receiving testimony from former Senator Max Baucus; Michael Pillsbury, The Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Graham T. Allison, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

GENE EDITING TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine gene editing technology, focusing on innovation and impact, after receiving testimony from Matthew Porteus, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California; Katrine S. Bosley, Editas Medicine, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeffrey Kahn, Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics, Baltimore, Maryland.

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. 4382–4394; and 1 resolution, H. Res 620 was introduced. **Page H9254**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9255**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, and providing for proceedings during the period from November 17, 2017, through November 27, 2017 (H. Rept. 115–410).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jody B. Hice (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9181**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9188**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Anthony K.R. Gibson, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. **Page H9188**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 190 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 628. **Pages H9188, H9199**

Designating the Democratic Cloakroom in the Hall of the House of Representatives as the

“Gabrielle Giffords-Leo J. Ryan Cloakroom”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 615, designating the Democratic Cloakroom in the Hall of the House of Representatives as the “Gabrielle Giffords-Leo J. Ryan Cloakroom”.

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21st Century Flood Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 2874, to achieve reforms to improve the financial stability of the National Flood Insurance Program, to enhance the development of more accurate estimates of flood risk through new technology and better maps, to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risks, and to provide for alternative methods to insure against flood peril, by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 630.

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Rejected the Pascrell motion to recommit to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 629.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–408, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–408, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 616, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2874) and the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2810) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 627, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 626.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a ye-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 631.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 a.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9191.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9197–98, H9198–99, H9199, H9237, H9237–38, H9238–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:26 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Committee Meetings

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FROM THE 2017 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season”. Testimony was heard from Sam Coleman, Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6, Environmental Protection Agency; Trent Epperson, Assistant City Manager, Pearland, Texas; Trey Glenn, Regional Administrator, Region 4, Environmental Protection Agency; Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator, Region 2, Environmental Protection Agency; Bryan Shaw, Chairman, Texas Department of Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1153, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2017”; H.R. 1638, the “Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act”; H.R. 3093, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 3221, the “Securing Access to Affordable Mortgages Act”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3978, the “TRID Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4015, the “Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017”; H.R. 4247, the “Restoring Financial Market Freedom Act of 2017”; H.R. 4248, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and for other purposes; H.R. 4258, the “Family Self-Sufficiency Act”; H.R. 4263, the “Regulation A+ Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4267, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 4270, the “Monetary Policy Transparency and Accountability Act of 2017”; H.R. 4278, the “Independence from Credit Policy Act of 2017”; H.R. 4279, the “Expanding Investment Opportunities Act”; H.R. 4281, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 4289, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to coal and mine