

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and S. 1770, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, after receiving testimony from Alan Mikkelsen, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Chair, Working Group on Indian Water Settlements, Department of the Interior; Utah Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox, Salt Lake City; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Phoenix; Russell Begaye, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Damon Clarke, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona.

FIREARM ACCESSORY REGULATION AND ENFORCING REPORTING TO NICS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine firearm accessory regulation and enforcing Federal and state reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), including S. 2135, to enforce current law regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and S. 1916, to prohibit the possession or

transfer of certain firearm accessories, after receiving testimony from Senator Cortez Masto; Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, and Glenn A. Fine, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; Thomas E. Brandon, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Douglas E. Lindquist, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; David W. Slayton, Texas Office of State Court Administration, Austin; J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association; Stephen P. Halbbrook, The Independent Institute, Fairfax, Virginia; David B. Kopel, Independence Institute, Denver, Colorado; and Heather Gooze, Las Vegas, Nevada.

AMERICA'S AGING WORKFORCE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's aging workforce, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Laurie McCann, AARP, Washington, D.C.; Fernan R. Cepero, YMCA of Greater Rochester, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; Ralph Jellison, Orland, Maine; and Lisa Motta, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4558–4580, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund (H. Rept. 115–441);

H.R. 1800, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–442);

H. Res. 647, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 477) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies;

providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3971) to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 123) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–443);

H.R. 1148, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–444, Part 1);

H.R. 3120, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the volume of future electronic health record-related significant hardship requests (H. Rept. 115–445, Part 1);

H.R. 3263, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Medicare independence at

home medical practice demonstration program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–446, Part 1);

H.R. 3271, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to strengthen rules in case of competition for diabetic testing strips, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–447, Part 1);

H.R. 3245, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to increase civil money penalties and criminal fines for Federal health care program fraud and abuse, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–448, Part 1);

H.R. 2557, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain DNA Specimen Provenance Assay clinical diagnostic laboratory tests, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–449, Part 1); and

H.R. 4300, to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–450). **Pages H9707–08**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fortenberry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9667**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9671**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Al Green (TX) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H9682**

Question of Privilege: Representative Al Green (TX) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the McCarthy motion to table H. Res. 646, impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, of high misdemeanors, by a yea-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 58 nays with four answering “present”, Roll No. 658. **Pages H9682–83**

Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 38, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a means by which non-residents of a State whose residents may carry concealed firearms may also do so in the State, by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 663. **Pages H9685–9703**

Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 662.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–45 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H9685**

H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 38) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 660, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 659.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, December 5th.

Enhancing Veteran Care Act: S. 1266, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 661; and

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Condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma: H. Con. Res. 90, amended, condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 664;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the violence in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma.”. **Page H9704**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9683, H9683–84, H9684, H9685, H9702, H9702, and H9704. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WORKPLACE LEAVE POLICIES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKING FAMILIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Workplace Leave Policies: Opportunities and Challenges for Employers and Working Families”. Testimony was heard from Hans Riemer, President, Montgomery County Council, Maryland; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a business meeting on subcommittee membership; and a markup on H.R. 453, the “Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 350, the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”; H.R. 1119, the “SENSE Act”; H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil; H.R. 1917, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017”; H.R. 2872, the “Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act”; and H.R. 2880, the “Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act”. The committee resolution on subcommittee membership passed, without amendment. H.R. 453, H.R. 350, H.R. 1733, and H.R. 1917 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2872, H.R. 2880, and H.R. 1119 were ordered reported, as amended.

SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSING FINANCE REFORM, PART IV

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform, Part IV”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS TO COMBAT EXTREMISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Advancing Human Rights to Combat Extremism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BREXIT: A NEGOTIATION UPDATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing

entitled “Brexit: A Negotiation Update”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS TIBET: ACCESS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Tibet: Access, Religious Freedom, and Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4465, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Representative Curtis; Henry Maddux, Director, Recovery Programs, Utah Department of Natural Resources; Andrew Colosimo, Government and Corporate Affairs Manager, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado; and a public witness.

SMALL BUSINESS MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, SALES, AND BROKERAGE SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2017; COMMUNITY INSTITUTION MORTGAGE RELIEF ACT OF 2017; FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; and H.J. Res. 123, the “Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule for H.R. 477. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial 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 115–43 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 the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which 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 amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section