

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Johnny Collett, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, all of the Department of Education, William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Kate S. O'Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Labor.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Elizabeth L. Branch, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and R. Stan Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, who were introduced by Senators Isakson and Perdue, Charles Barnes Goodwin, to be United States District Judge for the Western Dis-

trict of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senator Lankford, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Matthew Spencer Petersen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Eli Jeremy Richardson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CONSUMER WELFARE STANDARD IN ANTITRUST

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the consumer welfare standard in antitrust, after receiving testimony from Abbott B. Lipsky, Jr., and Joshua D. Wright, both of the George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; Barry C. Lynn, Open Markets Institute, and Diana Moss, American Antitrust Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Carl Shapiro, University of California Haas School of Business, Berkeley.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4635–4640; 1 private bill, H.R. 4641; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 124; and H. Res. 662–664, were introduced. **Page H9900**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9901**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4258, to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–464). **Page H9900**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rogers (KY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9047**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9851**

Committee on Ethics Investigative Subcommittees: The Chair announced that the Speaker or a designee and the Minority Leader or a designee shall

each name a total of fifteen Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner from the respective party of such individual who are not members of the Committee on Ethics to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of that committee during the 115th Congress pursuant to clause 5(a)(4) of rule 10.

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Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 115th Congress: Representatives Wagner, Walorski, Handel, Mimi Walters (CA) and Paulsen. **Page H9854**

Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Members to be available to serve on an Investigative Subcommittee established by the Committee on Ethics during the 115th Congress: Representatives Castro (TX), Jayapal, McEachin, Torres, and Tsongas. **Pages H9854–59**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m. **Page H9859**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4:47 p.m. **Page H9878**

Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act and Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 657, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2396) to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to update the exception for certain annual notices provided by financial institutions, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4015) to improve the quality of proxy advisory firms for the protection of investors and the U.S. economy, and in the public interest, by fostering accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and competition in the proxy advisory firm industry, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 679, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 678. **Pages H9860–68, H9878–79**

Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act: The House passed H.R. 1638, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, by a yea-and-nay vote of 289 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 680. **Pages H9868–78, H9879–80**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–47, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Page H9875**

Agreed to:

Schneider amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–463) that amends the reporting requirement on recommendations for how U.S. economic sanctions against Iran may be revised to prevent funds or assets from being used to contribute to the continued development of Iran's ballistic missile program to also include human rights abuses; and **Pages H9876–77**

Meng amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–463) that requires the report created by this bill to include “an assessment of the impact and effectiveness of U.S. economic sanctions programs against Iran”. **Pages H9877–78**

H. Res. 658, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1638) and (H.R. 4324) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 677, after the previous question was ordered by

a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 676. **Pages H9854–60**

Strengthening Oversight of Iran's Access to Finance Act: The House considered H.R. 4324, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make certifications with respect to United States and foreign financial institutions' aircraft-related transactions involving Iran. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, December 14th. **Page H9880**

Considered the Swallowwell (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment. **Pages H9890–91**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–48 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Page H9880**

Agreed to:

Gaetz amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–463) that includes, in the report already required in the underlying text, certification that the transaction will not benefit an Iranian person that has knowingly transported items used to establish in Syria a permanent military presence of either Iranian military forces or Iranian backed militia. **Pages H9889–90**

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 14th. **Page H9891**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9859–60, H9860, H9878–79, H9879, and H9880. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee completed a markup on H.R. 4508, the “Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act”. H.R. 4508 was ordered reported, as amended.