

Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act: H.R. 4323, amended, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research. **Pages H10162–64**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 11:04 p.m. **Page H10178**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H10164**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10164–65, H10165–66, H10166. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SYSTEMIC RISK DESIGNATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3312, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI shall not apply to the conference report. The rule provides that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3312 under a closed rule. 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 115–49, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, 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 provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported for the remainder of the first session of the 115th Congress. In section 4, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through remainder of the first session of the 115th Congress, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult

with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling, Chairman Brady of Texas, and Representatives Roskam and Neal.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Scott Garrett, of New Jersey, to be President, Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be First Vice President, Mark L. Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, and Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, Judith Delzoppo Pryor, of Ohio, and Claudia Slacik, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Export-Import Bank, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and Joel Danies, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, both of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, 2:30 p.m., SR–301.

House

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 630, requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress, 12:15 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on Senate Amendment to H.R. 1370, the “Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017 [Further Continuing Resolution]”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4242, the “VA Care in the Community Act”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 19 through December 22,
2017

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jennifer Gillian Newstead, of New York, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 12:10 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 20, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine freight movement, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

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House Committees

Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.