

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 5099–5131; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 129–130; H. Con. Res. 108–110; and H. Res. 752–758 were introduced. **Pages H1332–34**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1335–36**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 146, to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–584).

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mitchell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1269**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. **Page H1274**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain Robert Vick, American Legion National Chaplain, New Port Richey, FL. **Pages H1274–75**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1st and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourns to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 5th for Morning Hour debate. **Pages H1277, H1332**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 1:07 p.m. **Page H1286**

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Thompson (CA) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not present a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Thompson (CA) appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative Burgess moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 83. **Pages H1286–87**

**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the members of the Office of Strategic Services:** The House agreed to dis-

charge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 106, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the members of the Office of Strategic Services. **Page H1290**

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

*Amending the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify requirements related to mortgage disclosures:* H.R. 5078, amended, to amend the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify requirements related to mortgage disclosures. **Page H1306**

**Placing requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency:** The House passed H.R. 4296, to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 245 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 89. **Pages H1280–86, H1289–90, H1308–17**

Rejected the Maxine Waters (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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 185 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 88. **Pages H1314–16**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–60, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–582, 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. **Pages H1280–81**

H. Res. 747, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4296) and (H.R. 4607) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 87, after the previous question ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 86. **Pages H1289–90**

**Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act:** The House passed H.R. 1865, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify

that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking, by a recorded vote of 388 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 91.

**Pages H1277–80, H1287–H1308, H1317–19**

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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–583) that makes technical changes to the bill, adds “attempt” language that had been inadvertently omitted, clarifies that only sex trafficking victims may recover restitution, and permits the existing affirmative defense to be raised in cases where a defendant is being prosecuted under subsection 2421A(b)(1);

**Pages H1301–02**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–583) that requests GAO study of: (1) civil damages claimed and awarded in civil actions where the claimant alleges the defendant promoted or facilitated the prostitution of five or more people, or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that their conduct contributed to sex trafficking, filed pursuant to 18 USC 2421A(c); and (2) mandatory restitution requested and orders imposed by courts where a defendant is convicted of using or operating a facility or means of interstate or foreign commerce with intent to promote or facilitate the prostitution of another, promoted or facilitated the prostitution of five or more people, or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that their conduct contributed to sex trafficking, pursuant to 18 USC 2421A(d); and

**Pages H1304–05**

Mimi Walters (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–583) that allows enforcement of criminal and civil sex trafficking laws against websites that knowingly facilitate online sex trafficking (by a recorded vote of 308 ayes to 107 noes, Roll No. 90).

**Pages H1302–04, H1317–18**

H. Res. 748, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1865) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 85, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 84. **Pages H1287–89**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Thompson (CA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the consideration of H.R. 3464, to prohibit firearms dealers from selling a firearm prior to the completion of a background check (Discharge Petition No. 7). **Page H1285**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1286.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1287, H1287–88, H1288–89, H1289, H1289–90, H1316, H1316–17, H1317–18, H1318–19. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the Agencies and Programs under the Jurisdiction of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2019. The Budget Views and Estimates were adopted, without amendment.

### **TERRORISM AND IRAN: DEFENSE CHALLENGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Terrorism and Iran: Defense Challenges in the Middle East”. Testimony was heard from General Joseph L. Votel, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

### **CBO OVERSIGHT: THE ROLE OF BEHAVIORAL MODELING IN SCORING AND BASELINE CONSTRUCTION**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “CBO Oversight: The Role of Behavioral Modeling in Scoring and Baseline Construction”. Testimony was heard from the following Congressional Budget Office officials: Keith Hall, Director; Jessica Banthin, Deputy Assistant Director for Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis; and Jeffrey Kling, Associate Director for Economic Analysis.

### **A MORE EFFECTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE OSHA: A VIEW FROM STAKEHOLDERS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “A More Effective and Collaborative OSHA: A View from Stakeholders”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **STATE OF THE NATION’S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “State of the Nation’s Energy Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from