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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and ad-
 journed at 6:22 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May
 22, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page
 S2799–2800.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland
 met in closed session and approved for full com-
 mittee consideration those provisions which fall
 within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee of the
 proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fis-
 cal year 2019.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 pub-
 lic bills, H.R. 5887–5893, 5896–5902; and 1 reso-
 lution, H. Res. 906 were introduced. Pages H4283–84

Additional Cosponsors: Page H4285

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4245, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Af-
 fairs to submit to Congress certain documents relat-
 ing to the Electronic Health Record Modernization
 Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H.
 Rept. 115–691);

H.R. 5215, to amend title 38, United States
 Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
 prohibit employees found to have knowingly mis-
 used Department of Veterans Affairs purchase cards
 from serving as purchase card holders or approving
 officials (H. Rept. 115–692);

H.R. 5418, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Af-
 fairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor
 program using multiple prime vendors (H. Rept.
 115–693);

H.R. 4830, to amend title 38, United States
 Code, to provide for the disapproval of any course of
 education for purposes of the educational assistance
 programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs un-
 less the educational institution providing the course
 permits individuals to attend or participate in
 courses pending payment by Department, and for
 other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept.
 115–694);

H.R. 5655, to establish the Camp Nelson Herit-
 age National Monument in the State of Kentucky as

a unit of the National Park System, and for other
 purposes (H. Rept. 115–695);

H.R. 5894, making appropriations for the Legisla-
 tive Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–696);

H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and
 water development and related agencies for the fiscal
 year ending September 30, 2019, and for other pur-
 poses (H. Rept. 115–697);

Supplemental Report on H.R. 5515, to authorize
 appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military ac-
 tivities of the Department of Defense and for mili-
 tary construction, to prescribe military personnel
 strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes
 (H. Rept. 115–676, Part 2); and

H. Res. 905, providing for consideration of the
 bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fis-
 cal year 2019 for military activities of the Depart-
 ment of Defense and for military construction, to
 prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal
 year, and for other purposes; providing for consider-
 ation of the bill (S. 204) to authorize the use of un-
 approved medical products by patients diagnosed
 with a terminal illness in accordance with State law,
 and for other purposes; and providing for consider-
 ation of the bill (S. 2155) to promote economic
 growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and en-
 hance consumer protections, and for other purposes
 (H. Rept. 115–698).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he
 appointed Representative Newhouse to act as Speak-
 er pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and re-
 convened at 2 p.m.

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Commission on International Religious Freedom—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 14, 2018, and ending May 14, 2020: Ms. Kristina Arriaga of Alexandria, Virginia. **Page H4246**

Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children: Ms. Gloria O'Neill of Anchorage, Alaska, Ms. Lisa Johnson Billy of Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Ms. Elizabeth Morris of Hillsboro, North Dakota. **Page H4246**

United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the vacancy thereon: Representative Holding. **Page H4246**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Representative Holding. **Page H4246**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H4246**

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

Veterans Affairs Billing Accountability Act: H.R. 1972, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4247–48**

Military Sexual Assault Victims Empowerment Act: H.R. 3642, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the access to private health care for veterans who are survivors of military sexual trauma; **Pages H4248–50**

Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act: H.R. 3832, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the executive director of a national network of State-based prescription monitoring programs under which Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers shall query such network, by a

$\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 209; **Pages H4250–51, H4268–69**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for access by Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to State prescription drug monitoring programs."; **Page H4269**

Naming the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic": H.R. 3946, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic"; **Pages H4251–53**

Veterans' Electronic Health Record Modernization Oversight Act: H.R. 4245, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress certain documents relating to the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4253–54**

Servicemembers Improved Transition through Reforms for Ensuring Progress Act: H.R. 4830, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval of any course of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs unless the educational institution providing the course permits individuals to attend or participate in courses pending payment by Department, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 207; **Pages H4254–56, H4267**

Veterans Affairs Purchase Card Misuse Mitigation Act: H.R. 5215, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prohibit employees found to have knowingly misused Department of Veterans Affairs purchase cards from serving as purchase card holders or approving officials; **Pages H4256–57**

Veterans Affairs Medical-Surgical Purchasing Stabilization Act: H.R. 5418, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors; **Pages H4257–58**

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018: H.R. 4958, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2018, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; **Pages H4258–59**

Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act: H.R. 5044, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the treatment of certain surviving spouses under the contracting goals

and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4259–60**

Redesignating certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana: S. 1282, to redesignate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana; **Pages H4260–61**

CEO Accountability and Responsibility Act: H.R. 3663, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center; **Pages H4261–63**

Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act: H.R. 4451 amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 208; and **Pages H4263–65, H4268**

Improving Oversight of Women Veterans’ Care Act: H.R. 4334, amended, to provide for certain reporting requirements relating to medical care for women veterans provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and through contracts entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with non-Department medical providers. **Pages H4265–67**

Recess: The House recessed at 5 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4267**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, May 22nd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4269**

Permission to File Report: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page H4269**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he issued an Executive Order that takes additional steps with regard to the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13808 of August 24, 2017, and Executive Order 13827 of March 19, 2018—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–129). **Pages H4271–72**

Senate Referrals: S. 346 was held at the desk. S.J. Res. 60 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H4282**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4246.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4267, H4268, H4268–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC GROWTH, REGULATORY RELIEF, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; TRICKETT WENDLER, FRANK MONGIELLO, JORDAN MCLINN, AND MATTHEW BELLINA RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2017; NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 2155, the “Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act”; S. 204, the “Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2017”; and H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019” [General Debate]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, providing for the consideration of H.R. 5515 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed 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 115–70 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 those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, 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 amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc as described in section 3 of this rule. In section 3, the rule provides that the chairman of the