

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 6393–6413; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 129; and H. Res. 999–1002 were introduced. **Pages H6462–63**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6464–65**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6138, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for ambulatory surgical center representation during the review of hospital outpatient payment rates under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–831, Part 1);

H.R. 4952, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit a report on the effects of the inclusion of quality increases in the determination of blended benchmark amounts under part C of the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–832, Part 1);

H.R. 1482, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–833); and

H. Res. 1001, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 119) expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy (H. Rept. 115–834). **Page H6462 Speaker:**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Byrne to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6265**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6271**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H6271**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1000, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H6282**

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

Pro bono Work to Empower and Represent Act: S. 717, amended, to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence; **Pages H6282–85**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Nation now faces a more complex and grave set of threats than at any time since the end of World War II, and that the lack of full, on-

time funding related to defense activities puts servicemen and servicewomen at risk, harms national security, and aids the adversaries of the United States: H. Res. 995, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Nation now faces a more complex and grave set of threats than at any time since the end of World War II, and that the lack of full, on-time funding related to defense activities puts servicemen and servicewomen at risk, harms national security, and aids the adversaries of the United States; **Pages H6285–89**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Navy's total readiness remains in a perilous state due to high operational demands, increased deployment lengths, shortened training periods, and deferred maintenance all while the Navy is asked to "do more with less" as financial support for critical areas waned in the era of sequestration and without consistent Congressional funding: H. Res. 998, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Navy's total readiness remains in a perilous state due to high operational demands, increased deployment lengths, shortened training periods, and deferred maintenance all while the Navy is asked to "do more with less" as financial support for critical areas waned in the era of sequestration and without consistent Congressional funding; **Pages H6289–93**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Marine Corps faces significant readiness challenges and that budgetary uncertainty impedes the Corps' ability to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national security at risk: H. Res. 994, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Marine Corps faces significant readiness challenges and that budgetary uncertainty impedes the Corps' ability to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national security at risk; **Pages H6293–95**

Encouraging Employee Ownership Act: S. 488, amended, to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 333; **Pages H6295–H6312, H6342–43**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To modernize U.S. markets and to promote capital formation, investor confidence, and economic growth, and for other purposes." **Pages H6342–43**

Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals Act: H.R. 4819, amended, to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa; **Pages H6312–15**

Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act: H.R. 3030, amended, to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 334; **Pages H6315–19, H6343–44**

Protecting Diplomats from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act: H.R. 4989, to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 335; **Pages H6319–20, H6344**

Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018: H.R. 5105, amended, to establish the United States International Development Finance Corporation; **Pages H6320–33**

Women’s Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act of 2018: H.R. 5480, amended, to improve programs and activities relating to women’s entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development; **Pages H6333–37**

East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: H.R. 4645, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System; **Pages H6337–38**

Juab County Conveyance Act of 2018: H.R. 3777, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land containing the Nephi Work Center in Juab County, Utah, to Juab County; and **Pages H6339–40**

Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act: H.R. 4032, amended, to confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community’s Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community. **Pages H6340–42**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019: The House considered H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 18th. **Pages H6274–82, H6344–H6461**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–81 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H6274**

Agreed to:

Soto amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System by \$500,000 for the Wildlife and Habitat Management of invasive species; **Pages H6434–35**

Lance amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program by \$1 million; **Pages H6435–36**

Courtney amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that designates \$300,000 within the Operation of the National Park System for the New England Scenic Trail; **Page H6436**

Courtney amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases the Historic Preservation Fund by \$5 million to restore level funding with FY 2018; **Pages H6436–37**

Sewell amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for competitive grants to preserve the sites and stories of the Civil Rights Movement by \$2,500,000, and reduces departmental operations for the Office of the Secretary of Interior by the same amount; **Page H6437**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases by \$500,000 the amount of funds provided for the Historic Preservation Fund to be used for competitive grants for the survey and nomination of properties to the National Register of Historic Places and as National Historic Landmarks associated with communities currently under-represented; **Pages H6437–38**

Clyburn amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding by \$2 million for Historic Preservation Fund grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities; **Pages H6438–39**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that states that of the funds provided for the Historic Preservation Fund, increase by \$1,000,000 those funds allocated for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities; **Pages H6439–40**

Olson amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that reduces by \$20,000,000 and then increases by the same amount the National Recreation and Preservation account with intent to use the funds for the National Maritime Heritage grant program;

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Dingell amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases USGS funding by \$250,000 for fisheries assessment to continue and expand advanced technologies research in the Ecosystem Fisheries Program in accordance with Congressional direction that mission areas and accounts would be maintained at the enacted level;

Pages H6440–41

Courtney amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that provides funding for the U.S. Geological Survey to develop a map showing pyrrhotite occurrences across the United States;

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Gabbard amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases the USGS Surveys, Investigations and Research account by \$4,798,500, intended to be used for the Volcano Hazards Program to ameliorate impacts caused by volcanic eruptions;

Pages H6441–42

Kildee amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding to USGS to eradicate grass carp by \$1 million; reduces funding from the Office of the Interior Secretary by the same amount;

Pages H6442–43

Johnson (OH) amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–830: (No. 16) that provides for a balanced distribution of funds among Appalachian states for reclamation of abandoned mine lands in conjunction with economic and community development, offset by funds from the Environmental Programs and Management account; and (No. 17) that restores the number of Appalachian states eligible for grants for the reclamation of abandoned mine lands to be used for economic and community development from 3 to 6;

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O'Halleran amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that reduces and increases by \$36,000,000 the amount of funding appropriated to the Bureau of Indian Affairs construction account for public safety and justice facility construction;

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Plaskett amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that strengthens necessary support for insular territories of the United States (to equal Senate levels);

Pages H6445–46

Moore amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that boosts funding for the Smithsonian by \$500,000 to better support efforts, including the creation of temporary or permanent exhibits, that better tell and increase understanding and education about the history, voices, and narratives of underrep-

resented communities, including African-Americans and tribal Communities;

Pages H6446–47

Welch amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for the Lake Champlain Basin Program by \$4 million to the FY18 enacted level; decreases the Office of the Secretary of Interior account by the same amount;

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Esty amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that helps cities and towns clean up brownfield sites in their local communities by increasing funding to “brownfields projects” within the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) by \$7 million by pulling \$7 million from the Office of the Secretary;

Page H6448

Denham amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases the WIFIA administrative expenses account by \$2 million and decreases the DOI Office of the Secretary account by the same amount;

Pages H6449–50

Heck amendment (No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that directs EPA to fund the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey;

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Soto amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for the National Estuary Program by \$468,000;

Pages H6452–53

LaMalfa amendment (No. 34 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding to the National Forest System account for purposes of eradicating, enforcing, and remediating illegal marijuana grow operations on National Forest System land;

Pages H6454–55

Welch amendment (No. 35 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases and decreases the State and Private Forestry Account account by \$5 million to indicate that the amount should be used to help mitigate the spread of and the Emerald Ash Borer;

Page H6455

Ruiz amendment (No. 36 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases state and forestry private account by \$2 million to add funding for Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program, and decreases Wildland Fire Management account by the same amount; and

Pages H6455–56

Carbajal amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funds for hazardous fuels management activities by \$10 million, decreases funds provided for forest products by the same amount.

Pages H6456–57

Rejected:

O'Halleran amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that reduces Interior operations funds and increase BIA construction funds by 10 million dollars;

Pages H6444–45

Vargas amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to increase funding for the

U.S.-Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program by \$5 million; **Pages H6447-48**

Jayapal amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that sought to reduce then add back \$12 million to EPA's Superfund account to underscore the importance of Superfund enforcement; **Page H6453**

Carbajal amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that sought to increase funds for hazardous fuels management activities by \$10 million, decrease funds provided for forest products by the same amount; **Pages H6456-57**

Beyer amendment (No. 40 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that sought to strike section 430, which allows a loophole in Federal water quality permitting requirements for pollution discharges; and **Pages H6458-60**

Beyer amendment (No. 41 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that sought to strike section 431, which repeals the Clean Water Rule. **Pages H6460-61**

Withdrawn:

Langevin amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided funding for the Southern New England Estuaries Program under EPA Geographic Programs. **Page H6453**

Proceedings Postponed:

Biggs amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that seeks to transfer funds from the BLM Land acquisition account to the NPS Parks Maintenance Backlog; **Page H6434**

Grijalva amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that seeks to increase the budget for the Department of the Interior Inspector General's Office by \$2.5 million; **Page H6449**

O'Halleran amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that seeks to move \$3,000,000 from the Office of the Special Trustee to the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation; **Pages H6450-51**

Adams amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 115-830) that seeks to decrease and then increase the EPA Environmental Programs and Management account fund by \$742,000; this increase is to emphasize the need for greater funding for the Environmental Justice program area within the account; and **Pages H6451-52**

Grothman amendment (No. 39 printed in H. Rept. 115-830), as modified, that seeks to reduce funding for the National Endowment on the Arts and the Humanities by 15 percent. **Pages H6457-58**

H. Res. 996, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6147) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 332, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 331.

Pages H6274-82

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Authorizing the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs: H.R. 1037, amended, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs.

Pages H6338-39

Quorum Calls Votes—Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6281, H6282, H6342-43, H6343-44, H6344. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "Examining the Summer Food Service Program". Testimony was heard from Kathryn Larin, Director of Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

REALIZING THE BENEFITS OF RURAL BROADBAND: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "Realizing the Benefits of Rural Broadband: Challenges and Solutions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING STATE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR CONSUMERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Examining State Efforts to Improve Transparency of Health Care Costs for Consumers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a markup on H.R. 3128, to amend section 111 of the Clean Air Act to clarify