

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 6463–6469, 6471–6478; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 1007–1010, 1013–1016 were introduced. **Pages H6648–49**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6650–51**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6077, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York (H. Rept. 115–854);

H.R. 5979, to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–855);

H.R. 5613, to designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–856);

H.R. 519, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–857);

H.R. 5954, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–858);

H.R. 1689, to protect private property rights (H. Rept. 115–859);

H. Res. 1011, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 184) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6311) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify the definition of qualified health plan for purposes of the health insurance premium tax credit and to allow individuals purchasing health insurance in the individual market to purchase a lower premium copper plan (H. Rept. 115–860);

H. Res. 1012, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6199) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter medical products as qualified medical expenses, and providing for the proceedings during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018 (H. Rept. 115–861);

H.R. 6470, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–862); and Conference 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–863). **Pages H6647–48**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lesko to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6591**

Recess: The House recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6591**

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

National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act: H.R. 2345, amended, to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 366;

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Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act of 2018: H.R. 4881, amended, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for meeting the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 367;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for reviewing the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States.” **Page H6633**

Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act: H.R. 5709, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio; **Pages H6597–98**

Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness Act: H.R. 3728, amended, to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce;

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Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act: H.R. 5385, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children’s hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs; **Pages H6600–02**

Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act: H.R. 1676, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of

permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine;

Pages H6602–05

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act: H.R. 959, amended, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs;

Pages H6605–08

Advancing Critical Connectivity Expands Service, Small Business Resources, Opportunities, Access, and Data Based on Assessed Need and Demand Act: H.R. 3994, amended, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth;

Pages H6608–10

Private Property Rights Protection Act: H.R. 1689, to protect private property rights;

Pages H6610–16

Anti-terrorism Clarification Act of 2018: H.R. 5954, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”;

Pages H6616–18

Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act: H.R. 4100, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association;

Pages H6618–20

Knowledgeable Innovators and Worthy Investors Act: S. 2245, to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E–1 and E–2 non-immigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand;

Pages H6620–21

La Paz County Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 2630, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona;

Pages H6621–23

Establishing the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62: H.R. 1220, amended, to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62;

Pages H6623–24

Eastern Legacy Extension Act: H.R. 3045, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail;

Pages H6624–25

Amending the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid

in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws: H.R. 5875, amended, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws;

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Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act: H.R. 5979, amended, to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System;

Pages H6627–28

National Comedy Center Recognition Act: H.R. 6077, amended, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York;

Pages H6628–29

Amending the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund: S. 2850, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund; and

Pages H6629–30

Quindaro Townsite National Historic Landmark Act: H.R. 5613, amended, to designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Historic Landmark;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Commemorative Site.”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2018—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–142).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and appears on page H6592.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6632 and H6632–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RESTORING ACCESS TO MEDICATION AND MODERNIZING HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ACT OF 2018; INCREASING ACCESS TO LOWER PREMIUM PLANS AND EXPANDING HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ACT OF 2018; PROTECT MEDICAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6199, the “Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018”; H.R. 6311, the “Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018”; and H.R. 184, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 184 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 Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution 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 2, the rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 6311 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 Ways and Means. 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 115–83, 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. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 6199 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 Ways and Means. 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 115–82 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 2,

the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Finally, in section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII (motions to instruct conferees). Testimony was heard from Representatives Jenkins of Kansas, Paulsen, and Levin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D785)

H.R. 770, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, to promote the importance of innovation in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–197)

H.R. 2061, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–198)

S.J. Res. 60, providing for the reappointment of Barbara M. Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–199)

H.R. 219, to correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–200)

H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–201)