

Subcommittee on SeaPower: Senators Wicker (Chair), Cotton, Rounds, Tillis, Scott, Kyl, Hirono, Shaheen, Blumenthal, Kaine, and King.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Fischer (Chair), Cotton, Sullivan, Cruz, Graham, Kyl, Donnelly, Heinrich, Warren, and Peters.

Senators Inhofe and Reed are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

RUSSIA SANCTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine outside perspectives on Russia sanctions, focusing on current effectiveness and potential for next steps, including S. 2313, to deter foreign interference in United States elections, after receiving testimony from Heather A. Conley, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Rachel Ziemba, Center for a New American Security, and Daniel Fried, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael McFaul, Stanford Univer-

sity Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Glasgow, Montana.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Harold B. Parker, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The nominee testified in his own behalf. Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Friday, September 7, 2018.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6713–6729; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134; and H. Res. 1052–1054 were introduced. **Pages H7919–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7920–21**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 6088, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize notifications of permit to drill, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–921). **Page H7919**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7873**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7880**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Alexander Breckinridge IV, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina, Washington. **Page H7880**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. **Page H7885**

Community Safety and Security Act of 2018—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1051, providing for consideration of the bill

(H.R. 6691) to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the definition of “crime of violence”, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 387, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 386. **Pages H7882–85, H7885–87**

Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019: The House agreed by voice vote to the Calvert motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and request a conference on H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Pages H7894–96**

Rejected the McCollum motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 388. **Page H7896**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Frelinghuysen, Aderholt, Simpson, Calvert, Cole, Diaz-Balart, Graves (GA), Young (IA), Rutherford, Lowey, Price (NC), Bishop (GA), McCollum, Quigley, and Pingree. **Page H7900**

Ensuring Small Scale LNG Certainty and Access Act: The House passed H.R. 4606, to provide that applications under the Natural Gas Act for the importation or exportation of small volumes of natural gas shall be granted without modification or delay,

by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 146 noes, Roll No. 392.

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Rejected the Watson Coleman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 391.

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Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–919) that sought to state that on Page 3, line 18, insert “after opportunity for hearing and public input,” after “delay” (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 389); and

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DeGette amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–919) that sought to require export applications to show that the natural gas to be exported was produced using available techniques to minimize methane emissions from leaks or venting (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 390).

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H. Res. 1049, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1635) and (H.R. 4606) was agreed to yesterday, September 5th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7885–86, H7886–87, H7896, H7896–97, H7897–98, H7899, and H7899–H7900. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT: AN UPDATE ON THE RESPONSE TO CONTAMINATION AND CHALLENGES PRESENTED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Perfluorinated Chemicals in the Environment: An Update on the Response to Contamination and Challenges Presented”. Testimony was heard from Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING FEDERAL EFFORTS TO ENSURE QUALITY OF CARE AND RESIDENT SAFETY IN NURSING HOMES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Efforts to Ensure Quality of

Care and Resident Safety in Nursing Homes”. Testimony was heard from John Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Ruth Ann Dorrill, Regional Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Kate Goodrich, Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 6511, the “Strategic Petroleum Reserve Reform Act”. H.R. 6511 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

A FAILURE TO ACT: HOW A DECADE WITHOUT GSE REFORM HAS ONCE AGAIN PUT TAXPAYERS AT RISK

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Failure to Act: How a Decade without GSE Reform Has Once Again Put Taxpayers at Risk”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TACKLING FENTANYL: THE CHINA CONNECTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Tackling Fentanyl: The China Connection”. Testimony was heard from Kirsten D. Madison, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Paul E. Knierim, Deputy Chief of Operations, Office of Global Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Joseph D. Coronato, Prosecutor, Prosecutor’s Office, Ocean County, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Cuba”. Testimony was heard from Kenneth H. Merten, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Peter Bodde, Coordinator, Health Incidents Response Task Force, Department of State; Charles Rosenfarb, M.D., Medical Director, Bureau of Medical Services, Department of State; Todd Brown, Assistant Director for Countermeasures, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; and Brian M. Mazanec, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.