

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the complex web of prescription drug prices, focusing on patients struggling with ris-

ing costs, after receiving testimony from Michelle Dehetre, Lewiston, Maine; Pamela Holt, Granger, Indiana; Donnette Smith, Huntsville, Alabama; Sheldon Armus, Boynton Beach, Florida; and Barbara and David Cisek, Rural Ridge, Pennsylvania.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 1549–1578; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 180–181 were introduced. **Pages H2502–04**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2505–06**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Bustos to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2373**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2377**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H2377, H2390**

**For the People Act of 2019:** The House considered H.R. 1, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 7th. **Pages H2390–H2498**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–7, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–16, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill. **Page H2409**

Agreed to:

Suozzi amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires the Federal Elections Commission to conduct an audit after each Federal election cycle to determine the incidence of illicit foreign money in the election; within 180 Days, the FEC will submit to Congress a report containing audit results and recommendation(s) to address the presence of illicit foreign money; **Pages H2479–80**

Butterfield amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that ensures states locate polling locations for early voting in rural areas of the state and ensure that those polling places are located

in communities that will give rural residents the best opportunity to vote during the early voting period; **Pages H2480–81**

Hastings amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires states to submit a report to Congress not later than 120 days after the end of a Federal election cycle regarding the number of ballots invalidated by signature mismatch, the attempts to contact voters to provide notice, and the cure process and results; **Pages H2483–84**

Scanlon amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that establishes a fourth committee comprised of election security experts to review grant requests to ensure funds for election infrastructure are best spent; **Pages H2485–57**

Scanlon amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requests a study by the Federal Election Commission to specifically assess whether the small donor match cap and the six-to-one ratio in H.R. 1 is appropriately scaled for both House and Senate elections; **Pages H2487–88**

Morelle amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that changes pre-election registration deadlines from 30 days to 28 days before election day to ensure the deadline does not fall on a legal public holiday; **Page H2488**

Shalala amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires the Office of Government Ethics to submit a report to Congress regarding the implications of the retroactive application of the ethics waiver process; **Pages H2488–89**

Biggs amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that provides that State DMV's shall require individuals applying for a driver's license to indicate whether the individual resides in another State or resided in another State prior to applying, and whether the individual intends for the State to serve as the primary residence for voting; **Page H2489**

Ted Lieu (CA) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that prohibits political appointees from using Federal funds to pay for travel on non-commercial, private, or chartered flights for

official business; exceptions are made if no commercial flight is available during the time at which travel is necessary; any senior political appointee who travels on a non-commercial, private, or chartered flight under the above exception must submit a written statement to Congress certifying that no commercial flight was available; **Pages H2489–90**

Jayapal amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Office of Government Ethics to promulgate rules to apply ethics laws to unpaid employees of the Executive Office of the President and the White House; **Pages H2490–91**

Jayapal amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that prohibits compensation for lobbying contacts on behalf of foreign countries identified by the Secretary of State as engaging in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; **Pages H2491–92**

Jayapal amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Office of Government Ethics to promulgate regulations establishing limits on gifts and donations to legal defense funds; the regulations shall, at a minimum, set basic requirements on transparency and prohibit mixing federal employees with non-federal employees to ensure federal employees cannot obtain money from prohibited sources; **Pages H2492–94**

Connolly amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that establishes a Race to the Top model to award supplementary grants to state applicants based on evidence of previous voting system security reforms and plans for implementing additional innovations; **Page H2494**

Foxx amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that codifies a Senate rule that brings transparency to sources of compensation for Congressional fellowships, applying it to both chambers; **Pages H2494–95**

Lawrence amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that adds Cabinet members to the list of individuals prohibited from benefiting from an agreement with the U.S. Government; **Pages H2495–96**

Rouda amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires that all paper ballots used in an election for Federal office must be printed on recycled paper; this requirement applies to all elections occurring on or after January 1, 2021; **Page H2496**

Rouda amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Election Assistance Commission to conduct a study of the best ways to design ballots used in elections for public office to minimize confusion, including paper and digital ballots to minimize confusion and user errors;

the EAC must submit to Congress this report no later than January 1, 2020; and **Pages H2496–97**

Rouda amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Postmaster General to modify paper change of address forms used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder that any individual using the form should update the individual's voter registration as a result of any change in address. **Pages H2497–98**

Proceedings Postponed:

Raskin amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that seeks to prevent corporate expenditures for campaign purposes unless the corporation has established a process for determining the political will of its shareholders; and **Pages H2481–83**

Cole amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that seeks to restore a provision currently in law that bars government contractors from disclosing campaign contributions as part of the bidding process. **Pages H2484–85**

H. Res. 172, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 107, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 106. **Pages H2379–88**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2387–88 and H2388.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING—TRIBAL PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Hearing—Tribal Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from John V. Kelly, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

### **ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related