

Institute, and John K. S. Wilson, Calvert Research and Management, all of Washington, D.C.; and Andrea Dutton, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Gainesville, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2132, to promote security and provide justice for United States victims of international terrorism, with an amendment; and

The nominations of David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Justin Reed Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4710–4732; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 635–638 were introduced. **Pages H8226–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8228–29**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4387, to establish Growth Accelerator Fund Competition within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–238);

H.R. 4405, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the women’s business center program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–239);

H.R. 4406, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the small business development centers program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–240);

H.R. 4407, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize the SCORE program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–241); and

H. Res. 326, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–242). **Page H8226**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8203**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H8206–07**

Securities and Exchange Commission Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act: The House passed H.R. 1815, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission, when developing rules and regulations about disclosures to retail investors, to conduct investor testing, including a survey and interviews of

retail investors, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 564. **Pages H8209–24**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–34, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–237, 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 Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Pages H8215–16**

Agreed to:

Casten (IL) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–237) that clarifies that the term “retail investor” does not mean an institutional investor; and **Pages H8219–20**

Gottheimer amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–237) that requires the SEC to include a specific consideration of the unique challenges senior investors face as part of their overall investor testing (by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 562). **Pages H8217–18, H8220–21**

Rejected:

Huizenga amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–237) that sought to exempt Form CRS, a recently developed disclosure document that went through SEC investor testing, from the bill’s investor testing requirements (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 561); and **Pages H8216–17, H8220**

Wagner amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–237) that sought to apply the bill’s investor testing requirements only to applicable disclosure documents developed after January 21, 2021 (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 563). **Pages H8218–19, H8221–22**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized in the engrossment to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House, including the change at the desk. **Pages H8224–25**

H. Res. 629, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1815) and (H.R. 3624) was agreed to yesterday, October 16th.

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings: The House agreed to H. Res. 635, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings. **Page H8225**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8220, H8220–21, H8221–22, and H8224. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 3:08 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 635, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, October 18, 2019, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Elijah E. Cummings.

Committee Meetings

TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF USDA FARM BILL RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled “To Review Implementation of USDA Farm Bill Research Programs”. Testimony was heard from Scott Hutchins, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture.

OVERSIGHT HEARING: CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: Chronic Wasting Disease”. Testimony was heard from William Werkheiser, Science Advisor to the Secretary and Chair, Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT HEARING: THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a

hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Housing and Urban Development officials: Irv Dennis, Chief Financial Officer; Jeremy Kirkland, Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; and David Woll, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”. H.R. 3 was ordered reported, as amended.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 4665, the “Medicare Vision Act of 2019”; H.R. 4671, the “Help Seniors Afford Health Care Act”; H.R. 4618, the “Medicare Hearing Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4650, the “Medicare Dental Act of 2019”. H.R. 4665, H.R. 4671, H.R. 4618, and H.R. 4650 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING CORPORATE PRIORITIES: THE IMPACT OF STOCK BUYBACKS ON WORKERS, COMMUNITIES, AND INVESTORS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Examining Corporate Priorities: The Impact of Stock Buybacks on Workers, Communities, and Investors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING INCLUSION: EXAMINING THE NEED FOR DIVERSITY PRACTICES FOR AMERICA’S CHANGING WORKFORCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Promoting Inclusion: Examining the Need for Diversity Practices for America’s Changing Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENDING THE HOMELAND FROM BIOTERRORISM: ARE WE PREPARED?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery held a hearing entitled “Defending the Homeland from Bioterrorism: Are We Prepared?”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Rakeman, Assistant Commissioner and Director, Public Health Laboratory,